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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The cotton crop of 1903 4 is estimated at 9,963,039 bales by the department of agriculture. —— One man killed by another in a gambling den at Wytheville, Va. —— N. C. Press Association discussed the Trinity College matter and a committee was appointed to report whether any action should be taken. —— About half the number of street cars in Charlotte were run yesterday. —— The submarine torpedo boats Mocassin and Adder were reported in distress off the Virginia coast yesterday; each have a crew of six men; at 8 P M. they were reported stranded at Currituck with life savers ready to go to their assistance. —— The damage by the naptha car explosion at Greenwood, Del., is estimated at $130,000. —— Dead body of a negro supposed to have been murdered found near Greenville, S. C. —— Aged couple found murdered at their home in Buffalo, N. Y. —— Dowie is to be examined by the bankruptcy referee. —— The tension between Japan and Russia is acute. —— Important developments are expected in a few days. —— Admiral Evans has been directed to return with his fleet to Yokahoma after visiting Honolulu. —— U. S. prisoners at Portsmouth, N. H, planned an escape from the prison ship but the plot was discovered. —— New York markets: Money on call was at firm 5@6 per cent.; cotton steady at 12.45c; flour was firm; wheat —spot firm No. 2 red 89½c; corn—spot firm, No. 2 50½c; oats—spot dull, No. 2 40½c; rosin quiet; spirits turpentine quiet.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Dep't of Agriculture,
Weather Bureau,
Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 3.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 29 degrees 8 P. M., 40 degrees: maximum, 47 degrees; minimum, 29 degrees; mean, 38 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .06; rainfall since first of the month to date, .53.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—For North Carolina: Fair Friday and Saturday; fresh northerly to easterly winds.

Port Almanac--December 4

Sun Rises	6.54 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.46 P. M.
Day's Length	9 h. 52 M.
High Water at Southport	7.10 A. M.
High Water Wilmington	9.40 A. M.

Jacksonville *Times-Union*: "If some politicians footed their own bills they would always have cold feet." But they never jump the game.

A Washington dispatch says General Reyes, Colombia's envoy, "still waits." Waiter, "you'll get no "tip" from Roosevelt or Hay. You have blown in good Colombia money on a fruitless errand.

An exchange says "more pension frauds have been unearthed." As the G. O. P. has the earth, it follows that what is unearthed belongs to it, too. How many scandals can the big elephant carry?

A Richmond special dispatch in the Norfolk *Ledger* says a bankrupt has skipped out and left many creditors. Would a bankrupt be considered much of an asset if the creditors were in possession of him?

That Colombian army of 100,000 had better stick close to its camp. Why, in the little friendly scrimages we have had on the gridiron in 1903, we have killed 17 of each other and wounded men too numerous to mention. What would we do to the like of them?

October 4th, just two months since, the following cautionary signal appeared in this column of the STAR: "A fool and his cotton soon part." That day the Wilmington quotation was 9.37½ for Middling. Yesterday it was 11.37½, exactly two cents higher.

Since we come to think of the encouragement and aid the United States gave Texas in securing its independence from Mexico, its subsequent annexation by Uncle Sam, and his later gobbling up of territory from which we have carved out several States, Colombia is reminded that Uncle Sam is still doing busines at the same old stand.

The Associated Press dispatches tell us that the Panama canal treaty arrived at Colon on Tuesday and went through at once to Panama by rail. If no obfuscated clauses are accidentally discovered in it, it was probably signed yesterday. As the old darkey would say, that will "abrifidabricate" that Hay-Herran treaty with Colombia.

There is unquestionably a strong sentiment in North Carolina in favor of amending the constitution so that a larger proportion of the school fund may be devoted to the education of the white children than is now permitted. It is argued that, as the whites pay at least five sixths of the school taxes, the present division of the fund is inequitable. There are other strong arguments in favor of a change; but our object is simply to call attention to the widespread feeling on the subject.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Tasca's band played to a small but delighted house in Fayetteville Wednesday night.

— The mercury was as low as 29 degrees yesterday morning. Ice formed freely in places.

— The minstrel performance to be given by the Red Men of the city has been postponed until the 21st or 22nd of December.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was not held yesterday afternoon on account of the lack of a quorum.

— The police landed "a drunk" from the country last night who was armed with two quart bottles of very white corn liquor and a pint flask of gin.

— The Carpenter Grocery Company invites the ladies of the city to visit its new store on South Front street to-day. Coffee and tea will be served to all visitors to-day.

— Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss L. Flossie Holmes, daughter of Mrs. Addie Miller, and Mr. Blaney Clyde Lee, son of Mrs. James Lee, both of Wilmington.

— The Southport *Standard* of this week chronicles the rather sudden death of Mrs. Franklin Swain at the family home at Suburb, ten miles from Southport. Mrs. Swain was a sister of Mrs. J. T. Harper, of this city.

— A delightful handkerchief bazaar was given last night by the ladies of Grace Methodist church. Miss Florence Whitney also gave a pretty entertainment at her home on Chesnut street for the benefit of the window fund of the First Baptist church.

— By deed filed for record yesterday Louis Goodman, commissioner, in special proceedings brought by O. D. Burriss et al. vs. Jacob S. Burriss, a minor, sold to J. W. and W. M. Hardison, of Onslow county, for $800, the E. D. Hall tract of land on Myrtle Grove Sound, containing 400 acres.

— Mr. L. McCullum, formerly of this city, who went to Charleston five years ago to accept a clerkship with Mr. W. N. Royall, then general agent of the A. C. L. at Charleston, has been appointed soliciting freight and passenger agent of the Coast Line with headquarters in Charleston, succeeding Mr. J. H. Sneed.

— Sarandi Karonchi, the well known Greek confectioner on South Front street, returned home yesterday from a five-month's visit to his old home in Greece. Two nephews whom he sought to bring over to this country with him were turned back at New York by the strict immigration laws of the United States.

— We are glad to hear that Mr. S. H. Fishblate has been appointed agent for the sale of the products of the American Tobacco Co., for the city of Wilmington, He will confine his business entirely to this city. His general acquaintance with the people here, added to his energy and thorough business qualification, make him the "right man in the right place."

"THE MERCHANT OF VENICE" COMING

Academy Here Wednesday Evening of Next Week—Mildred and Rouclere.

Miss Clara Sidney and a strong supporting company are booked to appear at the Academy of Music here next Wednesday evening, presenting "The Merchant of Venice." Miss Sidney, takes the part of Portia, while Mr. Edward D'Oize plays Shylock. The company is a strong one and no expense has been spared in making the scenery, dresses and adjuncts correct and faithful portraits of the Venetian life at the period written of by Shakespeare in his great play. The company appears in Raleigh Saturday night.

The Mildred and Rouclere Company in strong vaudeville will appear the following three nights and Saturday matinee.

His Little Son Dead.

Mr. James B. Phares, No. 617 Surry street, has the sympathy of many friends in the death of his little son, Ralph Taylor, aged five years, which occurred of membranous croup early yesterday morning. The funeral was conducted in the afternoon and the remains were laid to rest in Bellevue. Only a short time ago Mr. Phares was bereaved by the death of his wife, and the double affliction now brings to him the deepest sympathy of hundreds of friends.

Death in the Country.

Mrs. D. J. Watkins, wife of a well known citizen of Cape Fear township, living near Wrightsboro, died yesterday afternoon at the family home. She leaves a husband and four children who have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement. The remains will be taken to Rocky Point for interment to-day.

Ground Broken Yesterday.

Ground was broken yesterday for the extensive buildings for the Cape Fear Machine Works, at the rear of the Worth Company's store on Nutt street. The contract has been awarded to Mr. Robt. H. Brady, and he will rush the work to as an early a completion as possible.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

S. W. Sanders—Unlucky corner.
Wilmington Savings and Trust Co.—Largest and strongest.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—Young man.
For Sale—"Flash" heater.
Wanted—School teachers.

MESSENGERS' STRIKE.

Western Union Boys in Went Out for a Short While Yesterday Morning.

BUT THEY SOON RETURNED.

Kindly Offices of a Business Man Made Them View Situation More Calmly. No Purpose to Substitute Negroes Here—Reduction.

The dissatisfaction among the twelve or fifteen messenger boys employed in the local office of the Western Union Telegraph Co. in this city, which was referred to in these columns yesterday as the result of an order from Richmond for a twenty-five per cent. reduction in their wages, culminated in a strike of short duration yesterday morning. Heretofore the messengers have been receiving two cents for each message delivered and two and a half cents for each one brought to the office. Now their pay has been cut down to a cent and a half on all, both messages and calls.

At 10 o'clock yesterday morning one of the boys refused to work longer for the decreased pay and when told by Manager Sale that he could go, the boy called the remainder of the messenger force out with him. Manager Sale then told the boys that the decrease was no work of his and he would prefer they would await a conference, which they did.

Mr. W. H. Sprunt, junior member of the firm of Alexander Sprunt & Son and one of the largest patrons of the Western Union, was then called in as mediator and he reluctantly acted in that capacity, however, making the boys a wholesome little talk by which they were much impressed. He told them he had no interest in the matter except his personal interest in the boys; that he was in nosympathy with the cut in their wages but their little strike would mean that many of them would be out of employment and that if they went back to work they could quit when they found more lucrative employment. After half an hour's delay the boy's returned to work at the reduced scale.

Manager Sale expressed regret at the turn of affairs. He was, of course, only carrying out orders from his superintendent and could only place the rates in effect Dec. 1st, as he was instructed. He said he had no purpose to follow the policy of the Western Union managers in Richmond and Atlanta by hiring negro boys, even if they continued on their strike. Furthermore, in justification of the reduction he says that with the decrease a change was made which will give the boys from one hundred to two hundred messages a day which heretofore have been delivered by other means and for which the boys did not receive any pay. He believes this change will about offset the cut in wages.

Manager Sale says that an energetic boy can make from $20 to $30 a month, and that $15 is considered a low average. Last month one boy in the service made over $47. On the other hand, the boys claim they have to furnish their own wheels, keep them in repair, buy expensive uniforms and go out in all kinds of weather. Unless they can make above the average there is little profit left. They propose now to remain in ranks until they can make a trial of their possible income under the new order.

Man of a Tragic Career.

Mr. W. A. Farriss, who returned yesterday from Henderson where he attended the funeral of his brother-in-law, Mr. Eugene Betts, who was the victim of a fatal Thanksgiving hunt, tells of the tragic career of Policeman Bob Crockett, the accidental discharge of whose gun caused young Mr. Betts' death. Mr. Farriss says Policeman Crockett is a quiet, unassuming man and within the last two years, four persons have fallen a victim to his unintentional shooting. During the recent appearance of Gentry's show at Henderson Policeman Crockett, in attempting to arrest an unruly negro, accidentally shot and killed the negro and also a white by-stander, both having died in Rex hospital, Raleigh. Another time recently he was forced to shoot a man down on the streets of Henderson in self-defence. Mr. Farriss says no one ever took the killing of another man harder than did Mr. Crockett the shooting of Mr. Betts. He simply was born to have a tragic career and lately he's been having it.

Cars Derailed.

Several cars of an Atlantic Coast Line freight train were derailed yesterday near the scene of the head-on collision just this side of Hilton bridge Tuesday. It is thought that a twisted rail caused the derailment. The A. & Y. train yesterday morning had to take the Seaboard tracks out of the city to avoid a delay by reason of the wreckage on the track. A Seaboard Air Line wrecking train arrived yesterday to take to Portsmouth the ruins of the locomotive smashed up in Tuesday's wreck.

Hon. R. B Glenn.

Hon. R. B. Glenn, of Winston, will arrive in the city to-morrow and in the evening he will address the labor unions of the city in Pythian Castle Hall, on the third floor of the Murchison National Bank building. Sunday evening he will deliver the annual memorial address to the Wilmington Elks in the Academy of Music and at 5 o'clock he will speak to young men at the Y. M. C. A.

AFFAIRS WITH THE PYTHIANS

Germania and Jefferson Lodges Elected Officers and Discussed the District Meeting at Whiteville.

Germania Lodge No. 4, Knights of Pythias, at its regular meeting last night elected officers for the ensuing term as follows: Chancellor Commander, H. T. Dula; Vice Chancellor, F. A. Bissenger; Master of Work, G. F. Seitter; Prelate, M. Brewer; Master of Exchequer, F. W. Ortmann; Master of Finance, H. L. Vollers; Keeper of Records and Seals, John Haar; Master at Arms; E. Schulken; Inner Guard, C. W. Polvogt; Outer Guard, Jno. F. Soll; Trustees, J. G. L. Gieschen, C. F. VonKampen and John H. Kuck. The forthcoming District Meeting at Whiteville next Tuesday night was discussed and a good delegation of Germania people will be aboard the "Pythian Flyer" when it leaves at 6 o'clock that evening.

Jefferson Lodge No. 64, K. of P., at its meeting Wednesday night elected officers as follows: Chancellor Commander, R. C. Rubright; Vice Chancellor, W. O. Page; Prelate, W. P. McGloughan; Master at Arms, J. E Hatch; Master of Work, L. O. Smith; Keeper of Record and Seals, Anson Alligood; Master of Finance, S. H. Burtt; Master of Exchequer, Eugene Forshee; Inner Guard, C. W. Craig; Outer Guard, Geo. W. Branch; Trustees, Robt. S. Collins, A. S. Holden, and L. B. Rogers.

The "Jeffersonians" also talked about the "deestrict meetin'" and will send a good delegation to Whiteville Tuesday night. District Deputy Jno. F. Littleton says the special train is an assured fact and that it is now only a question of how many are going. Messrs. Neal and Smith, of Whiteville, were at the meeting of Jefferson Lodge Wednesday night and tendered all Wilmington Pythians a cordial invitation to attend the meeting.

THE A. M. E. CONFERENCE.

Sessions Yesterday Taken Up With Reports--Educational Meeting To-night.

The A. M. E. Conference, of Eastern North Carolina, held its first day's business sessions with St. Stephen's church, corner of Fifth and Red Cross streets, yesterday. Bishop B. F. Lee, of Ohio, is presiding instead of Bishop Capers, as was erroneously stated yesterday, and about 100 clerical delegates are in attendance. Yesterday's sessions were given over chiefly to hearing reports of pastors. All collections during the year were good and the work done in the conference was most encouraging. Rev. W. H. Capehart is presiding elder of the Wilmington district and from it a good report goes up.

The hearing of reports will be continued to-day and this afternoon at 3 o'clock the election of delegates to general conference will be held. To-night a general educational meeting will be held. The appointment of pastors will be made by the Bishop Monday. Several changes are expected in the Wilmington district.

MAYOR'S COURT YESTERDAY.

Only Three Cases Tried—Defendant A. Watkins Ready for Trial.

Mayor Springer had only three cases for trial in the police court yesterday. Charles Mulford, white, was fined $10 and costs for being drunk and down at Sixth and Swann streets, in default of which he will go to the roads for 30 days. Mary Alice Hennegan and Josephine Henderson, both colored, who raised a disturbance in Burr & Bailey's alley and were "pinched" by Policeman G. R. Holt at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, were each also fined $10 and costs. The Henderson woman paid the amount taxed against her, but the Hennegan woman will go to the roads in default of payment.

The case of A. Watkins, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon in accidentally shooting the Cartwright woman some time ago, was continued until yesterday and the defendant, with his counsel, Marsden Bellamy, Jr., Esq., was present and ready for trial, but the matter was again continued until next Tuesday, owing to the absence of a witness in Norfolk.

He Voted Agin' Bassett.

Rev. John N. Cole, the retiring pastor of Grace M. E. church, this city, who will next year become presiding elder of the Rockinghom district, M. E. church, and who is a member of the Board of Trustees of Trinity College, returned yesterday from Durham, where, on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, he attended the meeting to consider the resignation of Prof. Bassett. He was one of the seven who voted to accept the resignation of the disturbing member, and with him in that view were U. S. Senator F. M. Simmons; Col. John F. Bruton, of Wilson; Rev. T. N. Ivey, editor of the Raleigh *Christian Advocate*; Rev. A. P. Tyer, formerly of this city; Rev. F. A. Bishop, of Raleigh, and Rev. N. M. Jurney, of Mount Olive.

Remains Sent to Elkton, N. C.

Mr. Matthew K. Smith, No. 608 South Fifth street, an employe of the American Textile Coloring Co., died at 11:30 o'clock Wednesday night after an illness of several months with bronchitis. He was 58 years of age and leaves a wife and ten children to mourn their loss. The remains were sent yesterday for interment at the former home of the family, near Elkton, Columbus county.

THE LARGEST CARGO.

Million Dollar Ship Load of Cotton Leaves To-day for Bremen, Germany.

THE PORT OF WILMINGTON.

Ahead of All Competitors With the Export—Prices Also Yesterday Broke the Record for Many Years. Other Shipping News.

With the possible exception of Savannah, the largest cargo of cotton ever cleared from a South Atlantic port for foreign shipment, according to local marine authorities, is aboard the splendid British steamer "Anglo-Saxon," Capt. Herbert Perry, which will leave the compresses of Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son for Bremen, Germany, at daylight this morning. The cargo consists of 17,000 bales and is valued at one million and twenty thousand dollars. The clearance of the "Anglo-Saxon" places Wilmington at the head of the list of all competitive ports in size of the cargo and in the list of ports are Norfolk, Charleston and other cities, which boast of twice the commercial importance of this point.

The next largest cargo which ever left Wilmington was aboard the British steamer "Almora," by the same consignors, on Oct. 4th, 1899, consisting of 16,600 bales. The third largest was on the "Hermiston" on Dec. 16th, 1902, consisting of 16,560 bales, but the value of none of them approached anything like that of the "Saxon," for on yesterday, when Messrs. Sprunt & Son broke the record in the size of cargo, the record of cotton prices for many years was also broken by a phenomenal advance of from 65 to 75 points in New York futures on the promulgation of the Government crop estimate of 9,963,039 bales for this season.

The local market in Wilmington was unable to adjust itself during the day to the phenomenal conditions North and was quoted "nothing doing." The New York spot market, however, was quiet at 12.45 cents, an advance of half a cent over previous day's quotations.

The "Anglo Saxon" and her genial, gentlemanly commander have been most cordially welcomed to Wilmington and, it is hoped, with a fair prospect of a speedy return.

The ship draws something over 30 feet of water and will proceed to sea at daylight this morning.

The schooner "Carrie A. Bucknam," which has been in port several days awaiting a settlement of affairs in San Domingo before proceeding with a cargo of lumber for the port of Samana, in that country, sailed yesterday morning from Southport at 7 o'clock in response to advices from her owners.

Schooner "Damietta and Joana" arrived yesterday from New York with cargo of salt for Hall & Pearsall, Incorporated.

The Clyde Liner "Navahoe" arrived yesterday evening from Georgetown, S. C.

FINANCES OF THE STATE.

Report by the Auditor—St. Louis Exhibit. Board of Agriculture.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 3.—A statement issued by the Auditor shows the condition of the State's general fund at the close of the fiscal year Nov. 30, to be: Receipts, $2,322,042.50; disbursements, $2,201,604.31; balance, $120,438.19. Educational fund: Receipts, $150,906.92; disbursements, $120,799 83; balance, $30,107.09.

A report to the State Board of Agriculture from the Governor shows $7,500 in hand toward the $10,000 to be raised by subscription to make the State appropriation of $10,000 for the St. Louis Exposition available. The Governor expects to have the amount in hand within thirty days.

Commissioners Patterson, Scott and Allen, of the Board of Agriculture, are appointed a committee to take in hand the erection of a new agricultural building at the A. and M. College. The corner stone will be laid next June. It will probably be called the Aycock building.

The Board decided to buy another experiment farm in the extreme mountain section of the State, making four in all.

Funeral of Mr. Rieger.

The remains of the late A. W. Rieger, whose sudden death occurred at his home in Brunswick county Wednesday at noon, were brought over to the city yesterday afternoon and are now at Woolvin's undertaking establishment awaiting shipment to Southport on the steamer "Wilmington" at 9:30 o'clock this morning. Mr. A. W. Rieger, Jr., arrived yesterday morning from Washington, D. C., to attend the funeral, which will be held this afternoon.

Basket Ball To-night.

The Little and Dosher basket ball teams of the Y. M. C. A. will play to-night in the Association championship series. There will also be a game between the "Reds" and "Blues," of the Junior Department. The single admission of 10c will admit to both contests.

Lights for the Coast Line.

In view of the early approach of darkness during the Fall and Winter months, the Atlantic Coast Line shops in this city are being wired for the installation of 1,300 arc and incandescent lights. The current will be furnished by the C. R., L. & P. Co.

— Mr. J. L. Watson, of Salisbury, is at The Orton.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Hon. J. A. Brown, of Chadbourn, is here on a business trip.

— Mr. W. G. Hill and wife, of Fayetteville, are guests at The Orton.

— H. L. Stevens, Esq., of Warsaw, arrived yesterday on professional business.

— Mr. Tom Meares, Jr., is at home from the University to spend a few days.

— Mr. W. J. Waren, of the Southern Express Co., is in the city on official business.

— Iredell Meares, Esq., went up to Charlotte yesterday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Shipp.

— Maj Chas. M. Stedman went up to Fayetteville yesterday on his return to Greensboro.

— Dr. J. W. Floyd and Mr. D. F. McGougan, of Hasty, S. C., were Orton guests yesterday.

— Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Boney and two children, of Wallace, were guests at The Orton yesterday.

— Mr. Thomas Wilson, the well known railroad president of South Carolina, arrived last night.

— Messrs. H. A. Townsend, of Raynham, N. C., and W. E. Porter, of Conway, S. C., were here yesterday.

— Dr. J. H. David and Messrs. E. L Moore and A. B. Jordan, of Dillon, S. C., arrived last night from the South.

— Mr. K. C. Barrett, of Rocky Mount, one of the popular Southern Express Company's route agents, is at The Orton.

— J. B. Schulken, Esq., of Whiteville, passed through the city yesterday on his way up the Wilmington & Weldon railroad.

— Messrs. W. R. Newbury, of Magnolia; Thos. B. Peirce, of Warsaw; O. P. Johnson, of Burgaw, and A. J. Johnson, of Clinton, were guests at The Orton yesterday.

— Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Farriss returned yesterday from Henderson, whither they were summoned last week by a telegram announcing the accidental killing of Mrs. Farriss' brother, Mr. Eugene Betts.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

UNLUCKY CORNER.

Havenner's Celebrated Bread as a side issue. Everybody buys it. In anticipation of a big holiday trade we are adding daily to our immense stock. We handle all the new cereals including Triscuit, Breakfast Food, Grape Nuts, Quaker Oats, Force, Malta-Vita. New line Fancy Cakes and Crackers.
A trial order will convince you that we keep the most complete stock in the city.
We excel in prompt delivery.
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Kite 35c pound,
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Morrocco 30c pound.
Mahogany 33c pound.
Brown Mule 28c pound.
Martin Tobacco 15c pound.
Rosedale Tobacco 17 1-2c.
Early Bird 36c pound.
Schnapps, thin, 37c pound.
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On everything in our line, which consist sof a full and complete line of Groceries. Send us your orders and be convinced.
California 3-crown Raisins.
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"SILVER COIN"
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All agree a nice STYLISH HAT! Then go to
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Latest Styles and Lowest Prices.
nov 28 tf 24 Front Street.

Important Notice.
Notice is hereby given to all parties concerned that all pipe connections with water, gas or sewerage mains on Market street, between Second and Fourth streets, will have to be made at once before paving is done, as no permits for tearing up these streets will be given after said work is finished.
WM. E. SPRINGER,
no 25 6w we fr su Mayor.

To Excursionists.
The first thing you should do on your arrival in Wilmington is to have a clean, easy shave, or a stylish hair-cut, or a cool and refreshing shampoo. Possibly, you may need all of these comforts.
"The Favorite" Barber shop is the place.
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BAD MANAGEMENT AT WASHINGTON.

The STAR recently published a statement that during the month of November the treasury receipts showed a deficit of $5,000,000. The Republican administration and papers have been kept busy trying to explain this little matter in the face of their swaggering yelling that the country is prosperous under the "full dinner pail" policy of the Republican party,

Some of the excuses for the deficit are very lame, and others give the administration away. For instance here is how the New York *Advertiser*, a strong Republican paper, tries to plaster over the matter:

"A Treasury deficit at this time of the year is by no means an unusual occurrence. Even in 1902, although the so-called war taxes were in operation and an exceedingly heavy import trade was swelling customs collections to an almost unprecedented total, the November revenue fell nearly $2,000,000 behind expenditures. The deficit of over $5,000,000 for the month this year is, moreover, partially accounted for by increased advances to disbursing officers, which, although the cash may still be in hand, are charged up to current expenses the same as if the money had been spent. Since July 1 these advances have amounted to $7,800,000 more than they did in the same period a year ago. In determining the results of the fiscal year's operations to date, therefore, this sum ought to be deducted from the total reported expenditures. Making this correction, it appears that instead of the deficit of $4,500,000, as represented, there is a surplus of $3,300,000. During the corresponding months last year the Treasury surplus was $13,000,000.

"There is nothing particularly serious suggested by this comparison so far as it goes. The chief reason for anxiety, however, lies in the probability that trade will continue its present reactionary movement, and that revenue collections will fall off considerably farther than they have for the last five months. The entire decrease since the first of the fiscal year has occurred in receipts from customs. Internal revenue has actually yielded $2,800,000 more than last year, despite the removal of the special war tax. That the gain from this source will soon be turned into a loss, with the present decline in domestic industry continuing, is as certain as anything can be. Nor is it in the least likely that customs revenue will revive so long as diminished production and profits at home remain as an incentive against enlarging our purchases of foreign commodities.

"It may be a fair criticism that the last Congress was too hasty when it abolished altogether the special imposts of 1898. But the proper course for Senator Elkins and other administration leaders who are now lamenting this action is to bring all their influence to bear to introduce economy into the public service. The government ought to be willing no less than private individuals to accommodate its outlay to a declining income. Some of the extravagant appropriations, especially those voted at the last session in the river and harbor bill, can very well be held up until a more propitious time. If retrenchment is not put into practice before long we shall see, in place of the extraordinary efforts which have been made for the last few years to free a redundant Treasury fund for the purposes of the money market, the equally trying problem raised of how to draw in the government bank deposits without causing great disturbance in trade and financial circles."

That there is a big deficit is true, but allowing the Republican excuses wipe that out, we should say that it is something awful for a Republican paper like the *Commercial Advertiser* to admit that in spite of this great Roosevelt administration and constant declaration of "prosperity," trade will continue its present reactionary movement, and that the present decline in domestic industry will continue.

The *Commercial Advertiser* even states in these times of "great prosperity" (?) that it was a mistake to have abolished the Spanish war taxes. What! Keep war taxes on in the midst of so much prosperity? Our Republican contemporary even sounds the alarm of retrenchment and the cutting down of government expenses and speaks of extravagance in Washington. It fears that the hard times facing the administration, will cause it to draw in the government deposits in the national banks all over the country, which the *Commercial Adveertiser* admits will cause "great disturbance in trade and financial circles."

It's something frightful, in the midst of so much boasted "prosperity," for the Roosevelt administration to be up against a treasury deficit, dwindling sources of revenue, decline in domestic industries, reduction of wages all over the country, strikes everywhere, scandals in the public administration, scandal in army circles involving the President's favorite, and other things too numerous to mention. Truly 'tis tough titty for Teddy.

In the face of a deficit and a further diminution of revenues, the administration is threatened with an empty treasury. No wonder the Republican party will "stand pat" and will hear no proposition to revise the high Dingley tariff schedules.

THE INDISCREET ROOSEVELT.

Says the New York *Commercial Advertiser* (Republican), in speaking of the report of Assistant Postmaster General Bristow:

"Here and there rumblings of dissatisfaction with the President for both publishing and approving the report are heard, and in some instances these are accompanied with a fervently expressed desire that the Republican party find some more suitable person for it candidate next year."

This is a slap at Roosevelt for his indiscretion. That report mentioned some men who are under suspicion in connection with the post-office department scandal. Was it for the purpose of giving them a chance to get out of the way, or to notify them that it was desirable for them to get up their defence? The report seems to be a band stand fanfare to show how virtuous is the administration. If there is a sincere desire to punish the rascals, some things in the document should not have been given out until all the grafters were located where they can be caught.

THE BRONCO BUSTER.

Editor Henry Waterson, of the Louisville *Courier-Journal*, excoriates Roosevelt, the pretender, in his paper of December 2nd. This extract from the editorial shows the picturesque and forcible style in which the Kentucky editor scores the president:

"The long and the short of the canal business is that the Administration, having taken the bit in its mouth, has also the whip in its hand and means to buck it through, and that those of us who want both to get the canal and be honest can either stand aside or make common cause with the transcontinental railway ring in opposition, and in the event of beating the treaty lose the canal.

"Thus we find ourselves between hell and the ironworks. It is a case of be damned if we do and be damned if we don't; the moral accountability, however, is upon the 'Bronco Buster,' who can be relied upon to keep the Ten Commandments lighted in the vestibule of the White House while rifling Miss Colombia across the way in the back office of the State Department.

"In the olden time, when convents were provided for the distressed and the devout, virtue was able to seek her refuge within moated and grated walls but who shall rescue her from this 'Terible Teddy,' who, with honeyed words and pious phrases, casts conscience to the winds and would debauch the very grandmother superior even of his own beloved Order of the Holy Zebra?

"Already we have the 'splendid government' so much dreaded by the Father of His Country. Already we are a world power, able to do as we please. Shall we set lessons in absolutism, disregarding justice, reason and right, even as absolutism has come down to us from the tyranny of the ages, or shall we recur to the simple preachments of the patriotic gentlemen in knee breeches and powdered wigs who signed the Declaration of Independence and framed the Constitution?

"If we have not actually come to the parting of the ways we are perilously near the point of divergence. With this Panama business is the Wood case, with its favoritism; the postal scandals, manipulated to protect the party and throw dust in the eyes of the voters, with the usual blare of the Roosevelt trumpet, and the league with Quay, Addicks and Platt, professional corruptionists, whose sole purpose and efficacy spring from their success in the use of money and chicane in elections.

"These things admonish thoughtful men and women that the 'government of the people, by the people and for the people' is slowly slipping out of the hands of the people and into the hands of a few able, unscrupulous and determined party managers, who, although they dread and despise the President, are forced by the exigencies of their bandit policy to take him for their leader."

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— A contemporary remarks that "the United States is not after more territory." No, but how Providence is loading her down with it.—*Norfolk Ledger*.

—— Whatever the final result may be, whether Major Runcie's statements are disproved or substantiated, after the testimony given by him about Gen. Wood, it must be clear to every one, and most of all to those concerned with the discipline of our military establishment, that no army can hold both Gen Wood and Major Runcie. One or the other must go.—*Philadelphia Press*.

—— It lacks the Jeffersonian directness of statement. And Jeffersonianism is the proper test. Where there is such constant cry for Jeffersonian principles and Jeffersonian practices, why not a Jeffersonian declaration against a third term? Mr. Cleveland says nothing on that point. If despite this deliverance of his, the next Democratic National Convention should nominate him for President, no line or suggestion in the letter printed to-day could be used against the candidate in the campaign. Could that point have been expressly reserved? Mr. Cleveland in politics is canny—canny as a Scot.—*Washington Star*.

—— The truth is that the breach between Mr. Cleveland and the majority of his party which manifested itself during his second term in the presidency has steadily widened since that time. He could not be nominated in the national Democratic convention, and if he were nominated he could not be elected. He is sagacious enough to recognize this fact, and there is no conceivable reason why he should allow his name to be used in a way which could bring no honor to him and would only thrust him into the midst of a profitless and undignified struggle.—*Boston Journal*.

—— Germany has followed France and recognized the new republic of Panama, but in Boston yesterday the Anti-Imperialists, at their annual meeting, refused to do anything of the kind. The old guard were all present, but the number is not stated and, Erving Winslow fairly thrilled them by speaking of the Panama incident as "territorial buccaneering" and "high-handed presumption." Prof. William James came very near being ejected from the meeting for advising that the "Antis" should "look to the future rather than bemoan the past," but was permitted to remain because he said later that this country was working the "ruin of the Philippines by inocculating Manila with a floating Yankee scum." Even Winslow was placated by that view of the American policy in the islands.—*New York Commercial Advertiser*.

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you will never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Kinston *Free Press*: Mr. Therrell, of Atlanta, Ga., representing the Southern Bell Telephone Company, is in the city to appear before the board of aldermen to-night in regard to the application of his company for a franchise for a long distance service to enter Kinston.

— Winston *Sentinel*: Mrs. Margaret Busbee Shipp, who formerly resided in Winston-Salem, but is now at Lincolnton, this State, is winning quite a reputation as a story writer. She has a very clever little Christmas sketch of the old-time South in *The Frank Leslie's Monthly* for December.

— Salisbury *Sun*, Dec. 1st: There are two cases of smallpox in the city. They are imported ones, having come from Davidson county. There have been several cases in Davie county; in fact, many have been reported. The board of health has determined that there shall be no outbreak of the disease this year and has taken early precautions to prevent a spread of the contagion. Vaccination is compulsory in the city of Salisbury and in the county of Rowan.

— Asheville *Citizen*: Robert H. McNeill and Marion Butler have just formed a partnership for the practice of law in Washington. Yesterday this announcement was made by Mr. McNeill to friends here before his return to Washington and it will be heard with interest as having possible political significance. Mr. Butler was Populist Senator from this State and Mr. McNeill is secretary of the Republican State Executive Committee.

— Wilson *Times*: Last Sunday morning at 4 o'clock the barns and stables belonging to Mrs. Rhoda Viverett, situated on her farm about five miles north of Elm City, were discovered on fire and despite the efforts of the neighbors the entire structure was consumed, together with three head of horses, all of her corn and fodder, farming utensils and vehicles. There was no insurance and the fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin. The loss is estimated at $800.

— Winston *Sentinel*: Samuel Hauser, charged with counterfeiting, was bound over to the U. S. court which meets at Charlotte, December 14th. He gave a bond of $750 which he put up in cash. Eugene Butner, a young man, testified that William Morgan, who is in jail awaiting trial on the charge of making counterfeit money, was in a room with Hauser, at the latter's home, two nights and a day. The witness said he was there also, but he was not permitted to go in the room occupied by Hauser and Morgan. Policeman Thomas, one of the officers who made the arrest, told about finding the mould for making $20 gold coins and other material at the Hauser home.

— Statesville *Landmark*: The other day a Raleigh paper noted that three divorces were granted at the recent term of Iredell Superior Court, and it thereupon proceed to preach a sermon on the "divorce evil." The sermon was all right, but the paper should take its text nearer home. At the last term of Wake Superior Court fifty-three final judgments were rendered and thirteen of these were divorce cases—a little more than one-fourth of the total. There were fourteen divorce cases on the docket and one was non-suited. And the Raleigh *Times* says already about 20 more divorce cases have been entered on the docket of Wake Superior Court. The "divorce evil" seems to flourisn in Wake, and the paper aforesaid can find a fertile field for reform right at its own doors, for in the face of this record Iredell's three cases "look like thirty cents."

— Concerning the verdict against Dr. J. J. Jay, who murdered his 3 children, the Asheville *Citizen* says: The jury in the Jay case is to be commended upon the expeditious manner in which it returned a verdict—and a satisfactory one—in that long and wearisome trial. Services upon a jury in such cases is one of the most trying duties of the citizen, and when that work is carefully and conscientiously done, as was evidently the case in this instance, a full meed of commendation is justly due the gentlemen thus serving their State. It is a pleasure to note that the public has nothing but praise for all those engaged in the trial of this unfortunate man, including the judge, the jury, the solicitor, and the attorneys for both the State and the defense. All did their full duty and did it well. Would that such could be truly said of all the other murder trials in the Old North State in the good year of 1903.

— Street Car—What's your record this week? Auto—Six killed and fourteen injured. Street Car—Confound you an tos. I had the field to myself before you stepped in. —*Detroit Free Press*.

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly, and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

Christmas Holiday Rates.

For the Christmas Holidays the Atlantic Coast Line announces a rate of one and one-third one way fares plus 25c for the round trip between all points south of the Potomac and Ohio Rivers and east of the Mississippi River. Tickets on sale December 23rd, 24th, 25th; also 30th, 31st and January 1st, 1904, with final limit January 4th, 1904.

For the accommodation of students and teachers of schools and colleges the Atlantic Coast Line has arranged round trip rates as above, December 16th to 22nd, with final limit January 8th, 1904.

The train service of the Atlantic Coast Line is unexcelled. For tickets and full information apply to Ticket Agents.

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TWINKLINGS.

— "I Cannot Sing the Old Songs," warbled the young woman at the piano. But this was small relief, for the new ones she sang were even worse.—*Chicago Tribune*.

— "No, she doesn't dare to go to church," "Why not?" "She has got so in the habit of talking aloud during the opera that she can't trust herself."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

— Miss Loveylipz—He said my mouth was like "a cleft honeycomb." Wasn't that sweet? Miss Chelus—U-m! yes, but a honeycomb doesn't look very neat or pretty when it's split open, you know.—*Philadelphia Press*.

—"The old, old story," exclaimed the husband with a long-drawn sigh, as he laid down his paper. "Another man committed suicide because his home was unhappy." "And did that make his home any happier?" asked his wife. "Or doesn't the paper say?"—*Kennebec (Me.) Journal*.

— Vegetarian: Don't you know that the strongest animals are all vegetarians, the elephant being the most powerful? Carniverous Friend: That's all right. If they weren't so strong they never would be able to stand a vegetable diet. — *Boston Transcript*.

— Miss Pechis—I have already said "no" to you, Mr. Vere. I don't seem to be able to make myself plain, although I have tried— Percy Vere—Ah, you couldn't do that no matter how you try, Miss Pechis. Miss Pechis—Well—er—of course, I shall always be glad to have you call upon me, Mr. Vere.—*Philadelphia Press*.

— "Pretty bum show," remarked the disgusted man, between the acts of "Macbeth," "and yet it reminds me some of a real good show I seen once called 'Hamlet,'" by Shakespeare. "This is by Shakespeare, too, you know," replied the man in the next seat. 'That so? Well, he ain't writin' like he used to, that's all.—*Philadelphia Press*.

Eskimo Mythology.

Among the Eskimos the sun is a maiden, and the moon is her brother who is overcome by a wicked passion for her. Once as this girl was at a dancing party in a friend's hut some one came up and took hold of her by the shoulders and shook her, which is, according to the legend, the Eskimo manner of declaring one's love. She could not tell who it was in the dark, and so she slipped her hand in some soot and smeared one of his cheeks with it. When a light was struck in the hut, she saw to her dismay that it was her brother, and without waiting to learn any more she took to her heels. He started in hot pursuit. And so they ran until they got to the end of the world, the jumping off place, when they both jumped into the sky. There the moon still chases his sister, the sun, and every now and then he turns his sooty cheek to the earth, when he becomes so dark that you cannot see him.

Raw Eggs.

When raw eggs are ordered for an invalid to whom they are objectionable, make as palatable as possible by having the egg as cold as one can make it and then serve it from a cold glass as soon as it is opened. Of course it is useless to serve any save perfectly fresh eggs.

If the white alone is to be taken, it should be beaten with a whisk until very stiff and frothy, then seasoned with salt or sugar, whichever is preferred, and eaten with a spoon.

Some who object to an egg beaten in a glass of milk, sweetened and flavored, can take the egg if the sugar is omitted and the flavoring extract replaced by brandy.—What to Eat.

Women and Money.

If you would have your women folk economical, let them handle money and learn to respect its value. There may be women who have not sufficient womanliness to honor the confidence this trust implies, but they are exceptions. If such be your daughters, it is your business to teach them otherwise. If they be your wives, it is your own fault for having married them. When a father gives his son an allowance, he should do the same for his daughter, not as a matter of material favor, for the daughter's bills might double the son's allowance, but as a matter of discipline, of financial experience and education.—Collier's.

The Story of Bishop Hatto.

Bishop Hatto was a wicked prelate who lived in 970 on the banks of the Rhine, where he owned a tower, which is at the present day pointed out to travelers as the Mouse tower. Here are stored large quantities of grain. A famine ensued, and the bishop invited the people to his granaries. As soon as they were there he set fire to the building and burned up the people. The next morning the souls of the dead appeared as an army of rats and not only destroyed everything belonging to the bishop, but finished by making a meal of his person.

Quick Wit.

Regnier, the French actor, had once to call out to a fellow actor who was expected to enter from the right wing, "Ha, ha—there you are!" For some unaccountable reason, however, the actor came on the stage on the left side, and Regnier, without being in the least disconcerted, gave his call and added, with a smile, "I saw you in the looking glass."

A Widow.

"Can any little boy or girl tell me the meaning of the word widow?" asked the teacher. "Well, Willie?" to an urchin who waved his hand vigorously.

"A widow," said Willie breathlessly, "is a man's wife that's lost her husband."

Books.

"I have something exceedingly rare in the way of books."

"Thanks. When it comes to a book, I prefer one that is well done."—Harper's Bazar.

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I am proud to recommend Cheney's Expectorant as a cure for coughs and colds. I have used it with my children since the oldest was a baby, and have never known it to fail.

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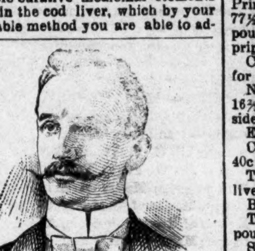
Mr. Robt. R. Bellamy Publishes it to Show How the Fame of His Vinol is Spreading.

"We have continually been publishing facts about the great good Vinol has been doing right here in town," explained Mr. Bellamy, our well known druggist, "and it is with pride we are permitted to publish herewith a letter from a far off city, showing that the unquestionable merit of Vinol is being recognized in all parts of the country. The Hon. C. G. Hesse, Mayor of New Smyrna, Fla., writes:

"It must afford you great satisfaction to know that you have succeeded in placing before the people a cod liver oil preparation of such high merit and great curative power as Vinol. I know of nothing superior in cases of throat and lung troubles and to build up the system after wasting diseases.

Vinol invigorates the system, heals disease, induces appetite and helps assimilate the food. In fact, it assists nature to perform her duties without friction, and this always means good health.

I am satisfied Vinol's marvellous rebuilding power is derived from the valuable curative medicinal elements found in the cod liver, which by your admirable method you are able to ad-



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Hunt the Whistle.

Play this in small numbers, excluding the majority of the party till the trick—for trick it is—has been performed upon all who declare they don't know the game. Blindfold one of the party and let the rest sit in a circle. While the blindfolding is being done tie a whistle to some portion of the dress of the blindfolded one. Let it hang at the end of a long piece of string. The game consists in the circle of players getting hold of the whistle and blowing it, while the blindfolded one has to guess who has it. Of course directly he has discovered the trick it may be played upon another less wary.

Elsie's Spelling.

One day when little Elsie came home from school her mother asked her what she had learned that day. Elsie replied:

"I learned to spell man."

"Tell me how you spell it, dear," said mamma.

"M-a-n, man," replied Elsie.

"And how do you spell boy?"

"You spell it the same way, only with smaller letters," replied Elsie after a moment's thought.

"Baby White."

Here is my little lady,
Her name is Baby White.
Her face is like an apple flower,
Her eyes are soft and bright;
Her hands are rosy snowflakes;
Her head of flaxen fluff
Is nodding in the garden like
A dandelion puff.

She stands among the lilies
That line the garden wall.
(What can the child be doing?)
How fair she is and tall!
The lilies bend to kiss her;
They—(bless me, do you see?
She's broken off my rarest
And is bringing it to me!)
—Mary A. Lathbury in St Nicholas.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, December 3.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Sales at $2.10 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.80 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.25 per barrel for hard, $3.60 for dip, $3.80 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 50½c; rosin steady at $1.30@1.35; tar firm at $1.40; crude turpentine firm at $1.75, 2.80@2.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	41
Rosin	28
Tar	68
Crude turpentine	6

Receipts same day last year—32 casks spirits turpentine, 17 barrels rosin, 68 barrels tar, 6 barrel scrude turpentine.

COTTON.

Nothing doing.

Same day last year, market firm at 7⅝c for middling.

Receipts—1,517 bales; same day last year, 1,786.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 77½c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish 85c.

CORN—Firm; 65@70c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16@16½c per pound; shoulders, 12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Firm at 22@23c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 35@40c; springs, 15@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12½@13c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 40@45c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@3½c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Money on call was firm at 5@6 per cent., closing bid 6 per cent., and offered at 6½; time loans steady, offerings small; sixty days, 6 per cent, ninety days 6 per cent.; six months 5½@6 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6@6½ per cent. Sterling exchange was weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at 483.30@483.35 for demand and 479.70@479.75 for sixty-day bills. The posted rates were 480½@481 and 484@484½. Commercial bills 479¼. Bar silver 56½. Mexican dollars quoted 43. U. S. refunding 2's, registered, 105¼; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 106; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 107; do. coupon, 107; U. S. 4's, new, reg'd, 133¾; do. coupons 133¾; U. S. 4's, old, reg'd, ex int, 109. U. S. 4's, old coupon, 110; U. S. 5's, registered, 101¼; do. coupon, 101¼; Southern Railway, 5's, 112¾. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 87; Chesapeake & Ohio 31⅝; Manhattan L 140; New York Central 118; Reading 44⅜; do. 1st preferred 77¼; do. 2nd preferred 60¼; St. Paul 141½; do. pref'd, 172; Southern Railway 20⅝; do. pref'd 78½; Amalgamated Copper 41¼; People's Gas 95⅜; Tennessee Coal and Iron 32¼; U. S. Leather 7¼; U. S. Leather, preferred, 76½; Western Union 88¼; U. S. Steel 11¾; do. preferred 54½; Virginia Carolina Chemical, 20¾; sales 400 shares; do. preferred, closed 89; sales — shares. Standard Oil 645.

BALTIMORE, MD, Dec. 3.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 13@13½; do. preferred, 21½@24; do. bonds, fours, 70@71½. Atlantic Coast Line, common, 106½@108; do. preferred —.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Rosin quiet. Spirits turpentine quiet.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 3.—Spirits turpentine steady at 55½c; sales — casks. Rosin steady; sales — barrels; A, B, C, $2 00; D, $2 00, E, $2 00; F, $2 10; G, $2 20; H, $2 25; I, $2 45; K, $2 70; M, $2 80; N, $2 95; W G, $3 15; W W $3 40.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 3.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 56c; receipts 480 casks; sales 591 casks; exports 695 casks. Rosin was firm; receipts 2,227 barrels; sales 2,400 barrels; exports 2,500 barrels: Quote: A, B, C, $2 15; D, $2 15; E, $2 15; F, $2 20; G, $2 30; H, $2 35; I, $2 55; K, $2 80; M, $2 90; N, $3 05; W G. $3 15; W W $3 50.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The cotton market opened firm at a decline of one point on August to an advance of five and nine points on the other options, following cables that were a little better than due but ruled very quiet and at noon was net five to eleven points lower, prices having sold off under realizing. The quiet, however, was the quiet that precedes the storm, for promptly at the noon hour the government crop estimate was read, showing a probable crop of only 9,962,039 against a commercial crop last year placed at about 10,727,000 bales. This report proved even more bullish than had been generally expected and was followed by the wildest market ever witnessed in the cotton exchange, not even excepting the days of the old bull campaign. First prices were at a jump of ten points and following this, prices were rushed higher and higher with prices only a short half hour after the call representing an advance of about $3.25 a bale or $3 25 a trading contract. Thousands of bales changed hands about these figures. Shorts were absolutely demoralized and instead of the heavy liquidation for the local bull leader this operator seemed to be bidding for cotton more rapidly than any one. After passing the 12 cents mark the market slowed down a little; it seemed as though the most pressing demand had been filled and profit-taking eased prices off fifteen to twenty points. On the decline, however, there was another wild rush of buying as the rise became more widely circulated and soon prices were again soaring upward. During the balance of the session there was some irregularity but the market, generally speaking, was sensationally strong and the high point was reached just before the close when December sold at 12 32; January at 12.46; March at 12.59; May at 12.57 and July at 12.56 or seventy eight and eighty-seven points above the low point of the morning. The market closed just a little down from this level but strong, net sixty-nine to seventy-four points higher, with a sentiment still so far as could be judged very bullish while in New Orleans the advance was continued and showed even a greater net gain than did local price. Sales for the day were estimated at 2,000,000 bales, this being the largest business for any single day on record. Receipts for the day were again smaller than expected, falling below last year's and predictions of a decreased movement were heard on every hand, though the recent advance might be expected to stimulate marketing. Spot cotton in New York was advanced to the basis of 12.45 for middling uplands and the Southern spot markets were unchanged to ½c higher.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Cotton steady at 12.45c; net receipts 45 bales; gross receipts 1,454 bales; stock 67,738 bales.

Cotton futures market closed strong: December 12.33, January 12.44, February 11.46, March 12.53, April 12.54, May 12.50, June 12.52, July 12.53, August 12.18.

Spot cotton closed steady at 50 points higher; middling uplands 12.45; middling gulf 12.70c; sales 1,637 bales

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 47,651 bales; exports to Great Britain 23,172 bales; exports to France 30 bales; exports to the Continent 6,624 bales; Japan — bales; stock 898,754 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 315,823 bales; exports to Great Britain 109,558 bales; exports to France 58,811 bales; exports to the Continent 91,397 bales; exports to Japan 1,547 bales; exports to Mexico — bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 3,952,284 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,154,857 bales; exports to France 437,465 bales; exports to the Continent 1,123,875 bales; exports to Japan 11,579 bales; exports to Mexico 15,328 bales.

Dec. 3.—Galveston, nominal at 11⅞, net receipts 19,098 bales; Norfolk, quiet at 11¾c, net receipts 2,363 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 11.87½c, net receipts — bales; Boston, steady at 11 95, net receipts 50 bales; Wilmington, unquoted, net receipts 1,517 bales; Philadelphia, firm at 12.70, net receipts 74 bales; Savannah, firm at 11⅞, net receipts 8,626 bales; New Orleans, firm at 12¼c, net receipts 14,316 bales; Mobile, firm at 12, net receipts 713 bales; Memphis, firm at 12c, net receipts 3,108 bales; Augusta, firm at 12⅛c, net receipts 1,136 bales; Charleston, nominal at 11¼c, net receipts 849 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Flour was firm and fairly active. Rye flour steady. Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red 89⅜c. Options closed ⅜@1⅛c net higher: May closed 85⅛c; July closed 81⅛c; December closed 89⅜c. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2 50⅛c. Options closed firm at ⅛@⅞c net advance. Sales—May closed 48⅞c; December closed 50⅝c. Oats—Spot dull; No. 2 40½c. Lard steady; western steam $7 00; refined steady. Pork steady. Eggs firm; State and Pennsylvania nearby average best 31c. Coffee—Spot Rio firm; No. 7 invoice 5⅝c; mild firm; Cordova 7¾@8⅞c. Butter firm; extra creamery 25c; imitation 15@18c; State dairy 15@21c. Sugar—Raw quoted nominal; refined quiet. Cheese quiet; State, full cream fancy, small colored, September 12c; late made 10½c; small white, September 12c; late made 10½c. Peanuts quoted steady; fancy hand-picked 4¾@5c; other domestic 3@4¼. Potatoes were steady; Long Island $2 00@2 37; Jersey sweets $3 50@3 25; State Western sacks $2 00@2 15. Cabbage steady; domestic, per 100 $4 00@7 00; per barrel 75c@$1 25. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 15c. Tallow firmer; city ($2 per package) 4¾c; country (package free) 4½@4¾c. Rice firm. Molasses steady. Cotton seed oil was steady but quiet. Quoted: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 25½@26½; prime summer yellow 34c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 37c; prime winter yellow 38@39c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—A big advance in prices in the northwest markets with active covering by shorts gave strength to wheat to-day and May closed 1½c higher. May corn and oats were each up ½c, and January provisions closed from 2½ to 5c higher.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—Cash prices: Flour—Market firm. Wheat—No. 2, spring —; No. 3 spring 80@82c; No. 2 red 84½@86½. Corn—No. 2 42¾; No. 2 yellow 46½c. Oats—No. 2 35⅛c; No. 3 white 35½@37c. Rye—No. 2 51½c. Mess pork, bbl, $11 37½@11 15. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 52½@6 55. Short rib sides, loose, $6 25@6 62½. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, —. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 12½@6 25. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 25.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December, new, 81½, 82, 81½, 81¾@81⅞c; May 80½@80¾, 81⅞, 80½@80⅝, 81⅛c; July 75½, 76¼, 75⅝@75½, 76½@76⅜. Corn—No. 2 December 42½@42⅜, 42⅝, 42¼, 42½c; May 42¼, 43@42½, 42⅞@42⅜, 42⅜c; July 42⅜, 42⅜, 42¼, 42⅜. Oats—No. 2 December 35¼, 35⅜, 35⅛, 35⅝c; May 35⅞@36, 36¼, 35⅞, 36⅜@36½; July 33¼, 33¼, 33¼, 33⅛c. Mess pork, per bbl—January $11 05, 11 05, 11 00, 11 00; May $11 35, 11 37½, 11 35, 11 32½. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $6 47½, 6 50, 6 45, 6 45; May $6 52½, 6 55, 6 50, 6 52½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $5 90, 5 92½, 5 87½, 5 90; May $6 07½, 6 10, 6 05, 6 07½.

COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The market for coffee futures opened firm at an advance of 5 to 15 points following firm cables and continued small receipts. Right at the start this morning the market was very active, sales on the call being about 50,000 bags, and after this there was no decrease in activity and the market ruled very firm. During most of the day prices fluctuated around a level net 15 to 25 points higher but toward the close the market eased off a little under continued realizing and was finally steady, net 10 to 20 points higher. Sales were 292,000 bags. The largest yet reported.

FOREIGN MARKET

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 3.—Cotton: Spot, moderate business; prices four points higher; American middling fair 6.68d; good middling 6.52d; middling 6.44d; low middling 6.38d; good ordinary 6.28d; ordinary 6.08d. The sales of of the day were 6,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 5,800 bales American. Receipts 18,000 bales, including 15,100 bales American.

Futures opened steady and closed unsettled; American middling (g o c): December 6.30d; December and January 6.25d; January and February 6.22d; February and March 6.20@6.21d; March and April 6.19d; April and May 6.17@6.18d; May and June 6.16@6.17d; June and July 6.15d; July and August 6.13d; August and September nominal.

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Clyde steamer Navahoe, Johnson, Georgetown, S C, H G Smallbones.

Schr Damietta and Joana, 274 tons, York, New York, C D Maffitt.

CLEARED.

Steamer Sanders, Sanders, Little River, S C, Stone, & Co.

British steamer Anglo Saxon, Perry, Bremen, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

EXPORTS.

FOREIGN.

BREMEN—British steamer Anglo Saxon, 17,000 bales cotton, 8,339,489 pounds, valued at $1,020,000; cargo and vessel by Alexander Sprunt & Son.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 4.

STEAMERS.

Huelva, (Br) 1,691 tons, Harvey, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Cairnstrath, (Br) 1,334 tons, Hunter, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Damietta and Joana, 274 tons, York, C D Maffitt.
Robt H Stevenson, 1,053 tons, Higbee, C D Maffitt.
C C Lister, 267 tons, Moore, C D Maffitt.
Venus, 173 tons, Foxwell, C D Maffitt.
Ida C Southard, 718 tons, Blake, C D Maffitt.
Harry W Haynes, 250 tons, Goodwin, C D Maffitt.
Wm P Hood, 632 tons, Philpot, C D Maffitt.
City of Nassau, (Br) 112 tons, Monroe, J A Springer & Co.

BRIGS.

Sullivan, 295 tons, McNeil, J T Riley & Co.

BARQUES.

Kampfjord, (Nor) 743 tons, Christiansen, Heide & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—111 bales cotton, 28 barrel rosin, 6 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—773 bales cotton

W., C. & A. Railroad—431 bales cotton.

A. & Y. Railroad—97 bales cotton, 20 casks spirits turpentine, 32 barrels tar.

Steamer City of Fayetteville—105 bales cotton, 21 casks spirits turpentine, 28 barrels tar, 3 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—1,517 bales cotton, 41 casks spirits turpentine, 28 barrels rosin, 68 barrels tar, 6 barrels crude turpentine.

FUTURE LOOKED DARK.

H. W. Bagg, the Wilmington Manufacturer, saw little in it but pain.

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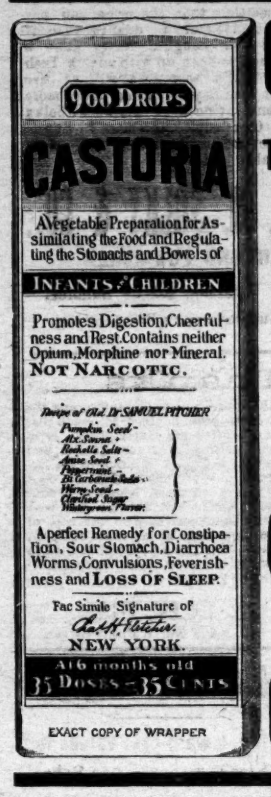
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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

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Wilmington, N. C.

At close of business Nov. 17, 1903. (Began Business March 1st, 1898.)

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$1,131,992 44	Capital	$ 300,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	250,000 00	Surplus and net profits	102,506 80
Bank Building	39,800 00	Circulation	240,000 00
Cash on hand and in Banks	718,106 94	Deposits	1,627,149 88
	$2,229,899 98		$2,290,656 98

Comparative statement of deposits,
Nov. 17th, 1901, $672,308 88.
Nov. 17th, 1902, $51,164,000 05
Nov. 17th, 1903, $1,627,149 88.

H. C. McQUEEN, President,
J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.

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By the Red Death

About the middle of the seventeenth century there lived in Venice a certain haughty duke so rich and powerful as to be feared by friend as well as foe, for that was a period of constant murder and assassination.

It was the custom of this nobleman to give costly banquets in the great hall of his palace, but there was always one thing to mar the festivity of the occasion—the constant dread of some secret agent of death.

And what tended still more to mystery and fear on these occasions of festivity was the presence of the Red Mask. Next to the lord of the feast, on his left hand, always sat a silent, mysterious figure in a red domino, with a blood red mask concealing every feature.

Before the guests separated he always rose, gave his hand to the noble host and then went slowly, solemnly and silently around the table, shaking hands with each.

As all believed that he was the duke's secret poisoner, he was regarded with awe and dread and came in time to be spoken of and known as the Red Death. How his fatal purpose was effected none could say, but it was conjectured that upon one of his jeweled fingers he wore what was known as the "death ring," a ring curiously constructed, with deadly poison in the interior, which could be injected by a sudden pressure upon a concealed spring into the hand of any one taken in apparent friendship.

In the very zenith of his life and power the duke one day received the singular intelligence that a gentleman had made his appearance in Venice so closely resembling him in face and figure that more than one person had mistaken him for his grace.

"Who is this adventurer?" angrily demanded the duke. "Go, seek him out and say it is my pleasure to see him at my palace."

The stranger was found and readily accepted the invitation of the nobleman, who received him in his private apartments, with only one attendant present.

The resemblance of the two was certainly very striking.

"Who are you?" demanded the duke in an imperious tone.

"I am the Count of Palmera."

At the mention of this title the attendant of the duke gave a slight, quick start and fixed his eyes searchingly upon the stranger.

"I am glad at least to hear you are a nobleman," pursued the duke, "as the thought of having my likeness borne by a plebeian would have been too humiliating. There should be but one such face in Venice, count!"

"So think I, duke."

"I may hope, then, you will take early leave of our proud city."

"I was in hopes your grace had made arrangements to quit the country."

"You are insolent, count."

"So are you, duke."

"By the bones of St. Mark!" the duke began in a malignant rage, but added in quite a different tone with a forced smile:

"Your pardon, count. I am too hasty. It is not the fault of either of us that we look alike and have tempers alike. If we cannot be friends, there is no need of our being enemies."

"I am disposed to meet your grace half way in either anger or friendship."

"I thank your lordship and trust you will honor my banquet on Friday evening next with your presence, when I will do myself the pleasure to introduce your lordship to some of the first nobles of Venice."

As Antonio left the presence of his noble master he seized the first opportunity to say to the count:

"My lord, I have a private word for your ear. We are countrymen."

"Indeed?"

"Yes," pursued Antonio, speaking low and in Spanish. "I know your house well, and I would serve you. Your life is in danger here."

"So I believe."

"I think this banquet is given expressly to destroy you."

"I had my fears."

"Yet if you will come to it and follow my instructions you shall not only be saved, but you will become duke of Francavella."

"How? Speak!"

"Seem indifferent to my remarks now, my lord. Have you ever heard of the Red Death, my lord?"

"Never, to my knowledge."

"It is briefly this: On the nights of festivity a figure in red domino and red mask sits near the duke. At the close of the feast this figure shakes hands with all present, and it is rarely that some one of the number does not die shortly after. Does your lordship comprehend?"

"I think I do—secret poison."

"When this Red Mask takes your hand on that night, he will leave within it a paper of instruction, which you must find an opportunity to read in secret and follow to the letter."

"How do you know this?"

"You shall know if you come."

"I will come. Though how am I to know you mean me well?"

"If I meant you ill, my lord, what need to warn you?"

"True. It is enough. I will be here."

Punctual to the appointed time, the Count of Palerma appeared at the banquet of the Duke of Francavella. At the close came the hand-shaking round of the dreaded Red Death.

The count, being a stranger, seemed the most indifferent of any, as was natural he should. He poured out more wine and drank and then seemed to reflect. In this mood he held the small paper which he had just received in such a way that he could peruse it without being suspected. This paper contained these words:

Feign illness and be shown to a private apartment. I will be there to complete the design.

In a few minutes the duke, who had been furtively watching the count, remarked, with seeming concern, that he feared his lordship was ill.

The nobles exchanged glances, and each breathed freer as he fancied he had discovered the victim in another than himself.

But the count, instead of getting better, seemed to grow more faint, and his kind host suggested that he should be shown to a private apartment and his chief physician be summoned.

He offered his arm to the count, who leaned heavily on it, and thus left the hall. Passing through an anteroom, they entered a room hung with damask and richly furnished.

The Red Mask, who had left the banquet hall before them, was standing here as if awaiting their coming. As the duke assisted his guest to a divan the Red Mask quietly closed and bolted the door.

Then, producing a small rope with the slipknot of a hangman, he glided up to the duke as he bent over the count and, throwing the noose around his neck, drew it tight and strangled him before he could comprehend his murderous design and raise his voice for help.

When the duke was quite dead, the mask was removed, and the face of Antonio appeared before the count.

"Quick, my lord!" said Antonio, pale and trembling at what he had done. "Disrobe, put on the dress of the duke, return to the hall and be lord of the palace. If you succeed in deceiving the assembled guests, which I trust your close resemblance will enable you to do, we are safe; if you fail, we are lost."

Assisted by Antonio, the Count of Palmera was soon dressed in the gorgeous robes of the Duke of Francavella, and the counterfeit was so perfect that none but a wife could have detected the difference.

The plan of the iniquitous schemer succeeded perfectly, and all the guests that night retired in the belief that the false duke was the real.

The next day the Count of Palmera appeared in St. Mark's place and other parts of Venice in his own proper person.

This destroyed the suspicion that he had been poisoned, as all at the banquet believed.

In fact, it was only through the dying confessions of the count himself that the truth came out at all, which many would not believe even then.

Long before this event, however, the Red Death had ceased to appear because of the real death of Antonio, whom his new master had murdered in turn for fear of being himself murdered or betrayed by the only one who possessed his fatal secret.

Corot's Friendship.

A few months before Corot's death his friend, Francois Millet, the painter of "The Angelus," died, leaving a widow and eleven children almost penniless. The art world was moved, and the state was induced to give a pension to Millet's wife. Corot, finding the sum insufficient, added to it an annual allowance of 1,000 francs. Almost immediately after this, feeling his own health decline rapidly, he desired to secure the widow of his friend against the loss of this assistance consequent upon his own death. Therefore he turned over to her the capital necessary to give her this annual income for the rest of her life and sent it to her with these words: "In this way I am sure that in no case of misfortune will you have to suffer inconvenience." His death, which occurred soon after, shows this to have been a wise consideration.

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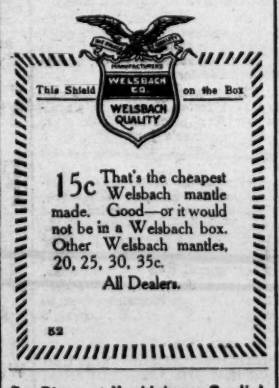

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Ladies' Cloaks

We have received this week several different lots of New Cloaks, just the thing for Christmas Gifts. We have the Military Cloaks which are the latest fad and we are selling very reasonable. They are going from $5 to $15 each. Our $10 Cloaks are extra value, really worth $12.50. We are having a special sale on these Cloaks at $10. We are showing a beautiful Zibeline Cloak made in Military Style for $9.50 and $10. Our $5 Cloaks are very pretty at the price.

Infants' and Children's Cloaks

These we can furnish in all styles and prices. We have Infants' Long White Cashmere Cloaks as low as 98c and up to $3.50. White Fur Finished Cloak for $4.50. Elderdown Cloaks, nicely trimmed, from $1.50 to $2.25. Corduroy Cloaks from $1.50 to $4. A nice line of Misses' Cloaks from ten to sixteen years of age, from $2.75 to $6.50.

Furs,

For a Christmas present what is prettier than a handsome Fur? In this line of goods we ran short last year, but we looked ahead this year and have a large supply on hand, in prices from $1 a piece on up to $15 each. To describe them is almost impossible, but to show them is a pleasure.

Tailor-Made Suits for Ladies.

This is a new line for us, but we have them from a New York manufacturer, made in the latest styles and material. They are of Zybeline, of Broadcloth and fancy novelty goods, and are all wool. They range in price from $9 98, $12.50 to $15 a suit.

We also have a large line of Ladies' Ready-Made Skirts from $1 up to $7.50 each. Our $3 50 and $5 Skirts are beauties. Our $1.50 Skirts are well made, good value and heavy weight. Our fine Skirts, from $5 to $7.50, are beautifully made, nicely trimmed and made of the nicest cloth. We also carry a nice line of mercerized Underskirts, which we are selling from 50c apiece up to $3 25.

Ladies' and Children's Underwear.

We have Unions for ladies and children at 25c a suit. Also, boys' heavy Fleeced Union suits at 50c apiece. Nicely made-up suits for ladies at $1 a suit. Vests and Pants at 35c each. We have a nice line of 50c Vests and Pants for ladies, which we will now sell at 45c each. Also, a heavy Fleeced Undervest, which we are selling for 50c. They are beauties. Fine all-wool Vests and Pants at $1 each.

For Men and Boys.

Boy's Shirts and Pants, heavy fleeced goods at 25c each. Men's heavy fleeced Shirts are 45c each, regular 50c values and heavy all wool goods $1 each.

Men's Hats.

In this line of goods we have received a specially good lot of Hats that are going at nearly half price. A nice $1.25 stylish Hat we are selling at 75c. Our $3 Hats at $1.25. In Wool Hats for men and boys that are cheap at 50c, we will sell at 25c each.

Blankets and Spreads.

We will be glad to show you our line and feel we could save you money if you gives us a chance. We have them in all prices from 50c a pair to $5 a pair.

We received this week a special, nice line of Boy's suits, strictly all wool and well made. They are $4 suits which we are reducing to $3.

Men's heavy beaver Overcoats which we are selling from $2,98, up. We are showing a special line for $5 and $6.50. For $10 we will give you an Overcoat equal to a $15 one elsewhere.

Our Rain Coats for men are heavy and absolutely waterproof and the price is only $2 each. Ladies' Rain Coats, nice looking and comfortable and watertight at $5 each.

Horse Blankets.

We will sell you a good blanket with surcingle attached at $1.48 each. Extra quality at $2.50.

Lap Robes for Your Buggy.

A nice double plush cover for $1.75 each, and on up to $4.50 each.

We have good kid gloves for 69c a pair, and an absolutely warranted glove for $1 each.

A good black taffeta silk, a yard wide, for 75c.

Special sale on ladies' ready trimmed hats. A large number of them greatly reduced in price.

Men's long gauntlet gloves at 50c a pair. Men's $1.00 kid gloves at 75c. Girls' school mittens at 10c a pair.

Our store is full of goods for presents. Lots of fancy goods; vases, chinaware, glassware, silverware and a big variety of novelty goods. Air-guns for the boys. The fact is we want your holiday business and we have filled our store to meet your demands.

Get your card punched with every purchase and get your present before Christmas day, at

THE BIG RACKET STORE.

Geo. O. Gaylord,

nov 29 tf PROPRIETOR.

Rehder's Rehder's

THE STORE THAT PAYS YOUR CAR FARE.

The Leading Styles In White Vests for the Smart Set.

We are now showing an exceedingly stylish collection of Men's White Vests at inviting prices.

White and Colored P. K. and Duck Vests, single-breasted, plain and small polka dots. Other store's price $1.25, here 98c.

White Duck Vests with small white figures, single-breasted. Other store's price $1.50, here $1.19.

White Corrugated Crash Vests, single-breasted. Other store's price $2, here $1.50.

White Mercerized P. K. Vests with real small polka dots, very neat and attractive. Other store's price $2.50, here $1.98.

White heavy Crash Vests with small black stripes, the swellest Vest shown this season. Other store's price $3, here $2.49.

J. H. REHDER & CO.,

nov 28 tf 615, 617, 619 North Fourth St.

Consignment

Five hundred pairs of Kid Gloves consigned to

TAYLOR'S BAZAAR.

Any size or color to be sold at 98 cents a pair, regular value $1.50. Come early to make your selection.

A New and Select Stock of Dress Skirts and Shirt Waists in Silks and Different Textures of Cloth.

Also a new line of ladies' and Children's Coats, an excellent line to select from.

TAYLOR'S BAZAAR,

The Leading Millinery House,
118 Market street.

nov 25 tf

Statement of the condition of the

ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK,

Wilmington, N. C.,

At close of business November 17th, 1903.
Organized 1892.

RESOURCES.			LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts		$1,023 853 05	Capital Stock	$125,000 00
Bonds		218,800 00	Surplus, etc	183 136 85
Real Estate		30,000 00	Circulation	125 000 00
Cash in Vault	$ 70,721 76		Deposits	1,346,266 29
In other Banks	326,046 33	406,770 09		
Total		$1,779,403 14	Total	$1,779,403 14

We aim to be liberal, yet safe.
We offer every facility known to modern banking nov 22 tf

EXAMINE OUR STOCK OF HARNESS

If you wish anything in that line. We can supply your needs.

CITY LIVERY CO.

W. D. MacMillan, Jr., Pres.

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New Arrivals.

PLACE YOUR ORDERS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

40 Hogsheads of Crockery.
100 Barrels of Glassware.

At Factory prices, f. o. b. Wilmington.
Wholesale and Retail.

SEE BISSINGER, THE CHINA MAN,
nov 21 tf 119 Market Street.

Fashion Says

THAT TO BE CORRECT

—WE MUST WEAR THE—

CORRECT SHOES

And the good dresser, gentleman or lady, will think twice before going against fashion's dictates. You can find all the requirements of

FASHIONABLE FOOTWEAR

in our stock, and not have to sacrifice foot comfort either, as well as no sacrifice of money.

Sole agents for Douglas shoes and Krippendorf-Dittmann Co's Cincinnati Shoes. Large lots of both just received. Besides, all kinds of good Shoes cheap for everybody.

Same old place.

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FRUIT CAKE

20c. per pound, three pounds for 50c, or one 6-pound Fruit Cake for $1.00.

You may make as good, but not any better.

Wilmington Baking Co.,

Phil. Christ's Old Stand,

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Removal Notice.

I HAVE REMOVED MY BOOK AND STATIONERY BUSINESS TO

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Store formerly occupied by J. M. Solky & Co.

ROBT. C. DeROSSET,

The Stationeer.
Bell 'Phone 26. de 1 tf

DO YOU WANT

AN IRON BED? We are agents for the celebrated Bernstein 3-piece bed, the best in America. The springs are warranted five years.

See our stock of Furniture including Heywood Chairs. We defy competition.

GASTON D. PHARES & CO.,

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oc 23 tf

Seaboard

Air Line Railroad.

Schedule in Effect Aug. 30, 1903.

TRAIN 39 — Leaves Wilmington 3:15 p. m, arrive Lumberton 5:35 p. m., Pembroke 6:00 p m, Maxton 6:45 p m, Hamlet 7:35 p m, arrive Charlotte 10:45 p m.

TRAIN 15 — Leaves Wilmington 9:00 p m, arrives Lumberton 3:15 a m, Pembroke 3:55 a m, Maxton 4 05 a m, Hamlet 6:00 a m.

TRAIN 40 — Leaves Charlotte 5:01 a m, Hamlet 8:40 a m, arrives Maxton 9:25 a m, Pembroke 10:09 a m, Lumberton 10:37 a m, Wilmington 12:45 p m.

TRAIN 14 — Leaves Hamlet 10:45 p m, arrives Maxton 12:32 a m, Pembroke 1:20 a m, Lumberton 2:15 a m, Wilmington 7:30 a m.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	7 30 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Monroe	9 05 a m	12 15 a m
Ar Charlotte	10 05 a m	.....
Ar Chester	10 35 a m	1 35 a m
Ar Greenwood	12 23 p m	3 43 a m
Ar Athens	2 50 p m	6 05 a m
Ar Atlanta	8 50 p m	7 50 a m

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	7 25 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Columbia	10 55 a m	1 50 a m
Ar Savannah	2 20 p m	5 05 a m
Ar Jacksonville	6 50 p m	9 15 a m
Ar Tampa	6 45 a m	6 00 p m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	8 55 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 35 a m	11 50 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Portsmouth	5 00 a m	5 35 p m
Ar Norfolk		
Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	7 50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 05 a m	11 15 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Richmond	6 35 a m	4 55 p m
Ar Washington	10 10 a m	8 30 p m
Ar Baltimore	11 25 p m	11 25 p m
Ar New York	4 15 p m	6 15 p m

Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.

For tickets, Pullman reservations, etc., apply to Thomas D. Meares, General Agent, Wilmington, N. C. sep 4 tf

SCHEDULE

CONSOLIDATED RAILWAYS,

LIGHT & POWER COMPANY.

Effective October 21st, 1903.

LEAVE,

Wilmington.	Wrightsville for Wil.	Beach.
*7.00 A. M.	8.10 A. M.	.....
10 00 A. M.	11 17 A. M.	11.00 A. M.
3 00 P. M.	5.17 P. M.	5.00 P. M.
†6 10 P. M.	7 00 P. M.	.....
10 00 P. M.	10 30 P. M.	Saturday only

*Daily except Sunday.
†Will not run beyond Wrightsville unless there are passengers for the Beach.

FREIGHT.

Small freight shipments will be carried on all passenger cars. Special arrangements for transportation of large shipments or bulky freight can be made by applying at the office. oct 21 tf

Pineapple,

Chocolate and Vanilla

CREAM FOR SUNDAY.

Made of pure cream. Don't forget I make the best cream in the city.

J. W. Plummer, Jr

Bell 'Phone 680. au 22 t

A SCALP LOCK

is something to get hold of. But here are some other kinds of

LOCKS

that are far more useful.

To name all the different kinds of locks we carry would take a lot of space. Perhaps it is enough to say that we have every sort that is made for outdoor and indoor use—for trunks, crates, etc.

We don't handle the low grade, badly made and very cheap locks. Our prices are not high, but they secure excellent value.

J. W. Murchison & Co.,

oc 27 tf Orton Building.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Aug. 2, 1903.

NORTHBOUND.

	No 48	No 42
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 21 p m	9 38 p m
Ar Wilson	1 18 p m	10 35 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 25 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 58 p m	1 35 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 58 p m	3 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 4 p m	3 43 a m
Ar Washington	11 40 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 38 a m	9 18 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 05 a m	11 23 a m
Ar New York	7 15 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 49
Lv New York	9 35 a m	9 25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 55 a m	12 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 13 p m	2 37 a m
Ar Washington	3 31 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	8 30 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 05 p m	9 48 a m
Ar Weldon	9 43 p m	11 46 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 37 p m	1 00 p m
Ar Wilson	11 13 p m	1 52 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7 16 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	3 45 p m	7 00 p m
Ar Florence	9 25 a m	7 30 p m	3 25 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 15 p m	6 15 a m
Ar Savannah	5 30 p m	3 00 a m	8 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	.....	9 00 a m	1 15 p m
Ar Tampa	.....	10 35 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily
Lv Tampa	8 05 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 30 a m	5 30 p m
Ar Savannah	12 40 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	4 50 p m	6 25 a m
Ar Florence	7 35 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 20 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	West Bound Daily		East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	Ar	7 50 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 25 p m	Ar	4 55 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv	3 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday		South Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	2 25 p m	Ar	12 15 p m
Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv	9 00 a m

Trains Nos. 42 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Penna R. R. for all points east.

W. J. CRAIG, Gen'l Passenger Agent.

H. M. Emerson, Traffic Manager.
my 24 tf.

Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 16.

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. 3 Passg'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Passg'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M		A. M	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 33	Kinston	10 13	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	9 27	9 00
7 00	7 07	Morehead City	7 25	7 27
P. M	P. M.		A M	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & W. at New bern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 5.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

oct 23 tf S. L. DILL, Supt.

South Atlantic Transit Co.

Steamers for Fayetteville, N. C.

STEAMER CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE:

Leaves 2 P. M., November 26th; November 28th.

STEAMER HIGHLANDER:

November 30th, 4:30 P. M.; December 3rd, 1 P. M.

All steamers take freight and passengers. For further information apply

T. D. LOVE, Agent,
Supt. Transportation, Wilmington, N. C.
W. S. COOK, Gen'l Freight and Passenger Agent, Fayetteville, N. C. nov 25 tf

The Clyde Steamship Co

New York,

Wilmington, N. C., and

Georgetown, S. C., Lines

From New York to Wilmington.

CARIB.....Saturday, Dec. 5
NAVAHOE.....Saturday, Dec. 12

From Wilmington for New York.

NAVAHOE.....day, Dec. 5
CARIB.....turday, Dec. 12

From Wilmington for Georgetown.

NAVAHOE.....Tuesday, Dec. 1
CARIB.....Tuesday, Dec. 8

Both Steamers have good Passenger accommodation.

Through Bills Lading and Lowest Through Rates guaranteed to and from points in North and South Carolina.

For freight and passage apply to
H. G. SMALLBONES, Supt.
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CLIDE MILNE, Gen'l Freight Agent.
THEO. G. EGER, Gen'l Manager.
WM. P. CLYDE & CO., Gen'l Agents, 19 State Street, New York.

no 29 tf

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 4.

THE GERMAN PARLIAMENT.

Reichstag Formally Opened by Chancellor Von Buelow, Who Read the Emperor's Message.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

BERLIN, Dec. 3.—Chancellor Von Buelow, as the Emperor's representative, opened the Reichstag in the white hall of the palace to-day. Chancellor Von Buelow read the Emperor's message to Parliament. The government, said the chancellor, would propose retaining the present army footing to April 25, 1905, but it desired to increase the salary list because of the growing cost of living. The government further proposed to continue the development of social legislation in the interest of the weaker classes.

The government also intended prolonging the present "most favored" relations with Great Britain.

In congratulating the members of the Reichstag on the very friendly relations of Germany with all countries, the chancellor said the imperial government had contributed its share to the avoidance of serious complications in the Balkans. He referred to Emperior William's meetings with the great continental rulers, and to the interchange of views connected therewith, which "had strengthened anew their desire and hope that peace, the greatest boon of the nations, shall continue to be guarded from dangerous disturbances."

The election of a president of the Reichstag and the other officers will take place to-morrow.

The Socialists, to the astonishment of the other parties, nominated Herr Singer for first vice president, and also nominated candidates for other officers. This question was the result of a furious controversy all summer and nearly split the party.

FAR EASTERN SITUATION.

Russia and Japan Have Not Reached an Arcement — Tension Acute — Japan Proposed to Send Ultimatum.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—The Tokio correspondent of the *Daily Mail* says it is reported on credible authority that at Tuesday's cabinet council it was actually proposed to send an ultimatum to Russia, but that this grave step was eventually abandoned in favor of the milder of course, which ultmaitely was adopted.

The correspondent says the tension is acute and it is generally felt that a few days will see important developments.

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 3.—It is reported at Tokio that Japanese Minister Kurino at St. Petersburg twice within the past ten days had demanded Count Lansdorff's reply to the final proposals of the Japanese government. Count Lansdorff proposed proceeding to Alexander for the purpose of securing the sanction of the Czar to the draft of the answer by Viceroy Alexieff and Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister to Japan, but had so far been prevented from so doing owing to the illness of the Czarina.

The Emperor of Japan, it is expected, will open the diet December 8th, when it is hoped that definite developments in the Far Eastern situation may avert the impending crisis and allay the domestic impatience.

REJOICING IN PANAMA.

Enthusiastic Demonstration Following the Signing of Canal Treaty.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PANAMA, Dec. 3.—Last night's demonstration, following the signing of the canal treaty, was most enthusiastic. About 3,000 persons took part in it, which for Panama was a large crowd. There were cheers for the United States and for President Roosevelt. From the palace the crowd went to United States Consul Gudger's residence and to the quarters of Admiral Walker, where there was more cheering and the playing of national airs by a band of music. The treaty will be turned over to Mr. Gudger to-day, who will immediately advise Washington thereof. It will be enveloped in Panamanian and American flags. Mr. Gudger will keep the document until December 8th, when he will send it to the United States. If Admiral Walker leaves for New York December 8th by the steamer City of Washington he will take the treaty with him. If not Mr. Gudger will send it to the United States through the Panama Railroad Steamship Company.

SEABOARD AIR LINE

Another Denial That Outside Interests Had Secured Control of System.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

TAMPA, FLA., Dec. 3.—President John Skelton Williams and Directors James A. Blair, of New York, and T. Jefferson Coolidge, Jr., of Boston, and J. M. Barr, vice president and general manager of the Seaboard Air Line railway, arrived here to-night, having come direct from Richmond. They are on a tour of inspection and will visit the Manatee section.

Mr. Coolidge denied a statement that the Old Colony Trust Company of Boston had acquired a controlling interest in the Seaboard Air Line, and that H. M. Atkinson, of Atlanta, Ga., might succeed Mr. Williams as president.

North Beach life saving station reports that the Swedish ship Dharwar, with a cargo of matting from Hong Kong for New York, is ashore a few miles from Ocean City, Md. The main topmast has been carried away. It is feared the vessel will be a total wreck as a heavy sea is running and the wind is blowing thirty-six miles an hour. The crew were all rescued.

A Frightened Horse,

Running like mad down the street, dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable salve handy, and there is none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

WILD TIME IN THE COTTON MARKET.

Department of Agriculture Estimates the Total Crop at 9,962,039 Bales.

CAUSED GREAT EXCITEMENT.

Frantic Bidding on New York Exchange. Market Closed Strong With Prices Net 65 to 74 Points Higher. Sales 2,000,000 Bales.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 3.—Preliminary returns to the chief of the bureau of statistics of the Department of Agriculture indicate that the actual growth of cotton in the United States in the year 1903-4 will amount to 9,962,039 bales of an average net weight of 490.8.

The area picked or to be picked is estimated at 28,014,860 acres, a reduction of 892,495 acres, or 3.09 per cent. from the acreage planted.

The total production of lint cotton is estimated at 4,889,796,267 pounds, an average of 174.4 pounds per acre. The estimated production by States in pounds of lint cotton per acre is as follows: Virginia, 180; North Carolina, 210; South Carolina, 178; Georgia, 158; Florida, 142; Alabama, 161; Mississippi, 211; Louisiana, 223; Texas, 143; Arkansas, 196; Tennessee, 200; Missouri, 232; Oklahoma, 223; Indian Territory, 231.

In addition to the reports of its regular correspondents, the Bureau of Statistics has had the benefit of an investigation of the effect of the boll weevil upon the cotton crop of Texas for 1903, conducted under the direction of the chief of division of entomology. The results of this investigation have been given due weight in the present report, and the details will be published later by the division of entomology.

Through the courtesy of the officials of the census office, the department has also had access to the estimates made by the census agents as to the amount of cotton remaining unginned. These estimates were turned over to the department too late, however, to receive full consideration, and they were, therefore, not used in making the present estimate.

Effect of Announcement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—An unprecedented rush to buy, a sensational soaring of prices upward and the heaviest sales on record followad the announcement on the New York Cotton Exchange of the Agricultural Department's estimate of the cotton crop of the present season at 9,962,039 bales. At the sound of the word "nine," indicating the number of million bales in the estimate, a scene of frantic bidding set in, the shorts in their excitement not waiting to learn that the total estimate was but 37,961 bales short of the round ten million bales, and instantaneously prices jumped from ten to twenty points on the first sales, the rise continuing until advances of from thirty to forty points were registered before the close of an hour and of from sixty to seventy points before the upward movement was checked. Then the uncovering of long cotton in tremendous volume at the advance and the realization that the estimate was practically 10,000,000 bales caused a temporary reaction, but soon the inpour of buying order from outside markets and bullish reports sent prices upward again and at the high point reached shortly before the close, December sold at 12.32; January at 12.46; March at 12.59; May at 12.57 and July at 12.56 or seventy-nine to eight-seven points above the lowest point of the morning. The market closed strong at nearly the top with prices net sixty-five to seventy-four points higher. Sales were estimated at 2,000,000 bales, exceeding anything before recorded, while prices broke all records for this season of the cotton year.

The cotton market opened this morning with prices a little off from those at the closing last night. The market was depressed to 11.60 for January and 11.72 for March, May and July, and there seemed to be a disposition among the bidders on both sides to postpone trading until the government report was received. When the report was read at noon the effect was electrical and the immediate clamor of bidders drowned the reading of all but the first figures of the report. Shorts did not wait to hear whether the estimate might be only a bale less than ten millions or only nine millions, but in a panic rushed to cover and in fifteen minutes twelve cents or more was being asked for every option on the list. Although the trade had been prepared for a low estimate, an average of private estimates put forward last week by cotton exchange members being 10,853,000 bales, nothing below 10,000,000 had been anticipated, and the wildest buying movement in the history of the exchange ensued. So great was the excitement, with over one hundred brokers seeking to buy, that at times prices were ten to fifteen points apart in different sections of the pit. The volume of business was so great and the excitement so intense that the brokers were on the verge of collapse, the maximum advance representing an enhancement in value of from $3.00 to $3.50 per bale, and the fluctuations meaning the gain or loss of fortunes.

Confusion at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 3.—To-day was the wildest day ever seen in the cotton market. The bureau estimate at 11 o'clock of 9,962,039 bales for this season's crop sent prices up from ninety to ninety one points above yesterday's closing figures. The confusion was so great that trading was difficult and it was fully two minutes after the estimate was read before quotations were posted. Within four minutes prices had advanced forty points. The advance was steady until March stood sixty points higher than the last quotations before the reading of the estimate. From the highest level there was an immediate and wide recession under heavy profit-taking. The recession was of short duration and was followed by another upward movement which carried prices skyward.

In their enthusiasm bulls predicted 25 cents for cotton. More conservative members, however, thought that 15 cents was high enough for some time to come.

H. M. S. Flora went on the rocks in a dense fog yesterday near Village Point, Denman Island, B. C., the place where the collier Williamette went ashore several years ago. The stern is submerged, but the boat is high out of water. The weather is calm. The vessel cost a million and a quarter dollars.

About half the usual number of cars were run yesterday over the lines of the Charlotte Consolidated Power Company, on which a strike was declared by the conductors and motor men because of the failure of the company to provide heat for the cars. There has been no disorder, although efforts are made at "guying" the strike breakers.

AFFAIRS IN A BAD WAY AT ZION CITY.

Dowie Himself to be Examined by Bankruptcy Referee—Sorrowful Plight of His Duped Followers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—John Alexander Dowie will be put on the witness stand before bankruptcy referee Sidney C. Eastman and under oath will be required to answer all questions regarding the financial affairs of Zion City. While the date for the inquiry has not yet been set, Judge Kohlsaat this afternoon entered the order which requires the overseer of the Christian Catholic church to submit to an examination.

Receivers Blount and Currier spent most of the day at Zion City looking into all accounts which they could find so that they might prepare the report which Judge Kohlsaat has asked for concerning the advisability of continuing the operation of all industries belonging to Dowie. The receivers, it was said to-night, have found only about $12,000 in both of Dowie's banks. Judge Kohlsaat has told the receivers that he wants to know as soon as possible whether the interests of all creditors can be protected best by carrying on the various enterprises in Zion City. It is not likely that any of the industries will be closed down, as in such an event thousands of persons in Zion City would be deprived of a means of livelihood.

This is said to be one of the main reasons why Dowie will be retained as manager of the business under the direction of the receivers. The receivers realize Dowie's strong hold on his followers and wish to prevent any turn in events which might turn Zion City into a deserted village.

That Zion City's two chief industries—the lace works and candy factory—are not paying expenses was officially disclosed to-day in an examination of the plants by Chief Custodian Redieske.

Investigation to day showed that the fuel supply of many of the families of Zion City is reduced almost to nothing. The extent to which the people of Zion City have beggared themselves is shown by a trip through the town. Many of the poorer people, the men who work in the factories, live in houses of flimsy construction. The walls of some are merely strips of tarred paper nailed on wooden frames. Other houses are simply tents made of canvas, while still others are combinations of tents and sheds.

THE H. B. PLANT ESTATE.

Litigation in Connecticut Will Probably be Ended—Indications That a Settlement Has Been Effected.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Dec. 3.—Litigation in this State over the $17,000,000 estate of the late Henry Bradley Plant will be ended if the petition filed late to-day is granted by Judge Cleaveland at a hearing to be held on December 15th. The petitioners are Chas. E. Hoadley, Emma B. Hoadley and Horace G. Hoadley, of Waterbury, Conn., who have been in litigation with the executors of the estate for more than a year, and Morton F. Plant, of Groton, Conn., Geo. F. Tilley, of Darien, Conn., and Mrs. Margaret J. Plant, of New York, widow of the testator. Although Mrs. Plant's name appears as one of the petitioners her name is not signed to the petition, but the court understood that to be a mere oversight.

The petition sets forth the history of the litigation from the death of Mr. Plant, in 1899, and details the main points of his will.

Under it the Messrs. Hoadley and Emma J. Hoadley were recipients of an annuity. When the executors won the New York court's approval to the claim that Mr. Plant was a resident of that State they placed with a trust company a fund of money to secure payment of an annuity to the Hoadleys. Contest was brought by the latter in Connecticut to prevent the further removal of the estate, and also a suit was brought praying for the removal of the executors on the ground that they were acting illegally.

The fact that the Hoadleys now join in a petition which asks that the probate court of New Haven district declare that Mr. Plant was at the time of death a resident of New York and that proceedings in this State be made auxiliary to those in New York indicates that a settlement has been effected and that the suits brought by the Hoadleys will not be pressed.

AGED COUPLE MURDERED.

Decomposed Bodies Found at Their Home in Buffalo, N. Y.—Supposed to Have Had a Great Deal of Gold.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 3.—The decomposed bodies of Franz Frehr and his wife, an aged couple who disappeared from their home at 339 Jefferson street on November 20th, were found early to-day buried beneath a woodshed in the yard back of their house. They had been murdered. The skulls of both had been crushed, and a hammer such as would have inflicted the blows was found in the shed. Several hairs were found clinging to the head of it.

A search for Charles Bonier, who moved into the house of the Frehr's on the day of their disappearance had been begun hours before the finding of the bodies, but the hunt was renewed by the entire staff of headquarters detectives as soon as word came that the bodies of the old couple had been found.

Police Superintendent Bull to-day received a telephone message from Erie, Pa., stating that Bonier had been arrested there. He is 65 years old.

Bonier's house keeper, Louise Lindholm, is in custody in this city. The police found on her person gold pieces to the value of $70. The Frehrs were supposed to have a great deal of gold in the house. The woman says the money was given to her by Bonier.

BRAYTON'S PLAN.

To Reduce Representation from the South in Republican Conventions.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., December 3.—A plan under which the representation from the Southern States in the national Republican Convention would be decreased and that from the North added to, is proposed by General Chas. R. Brayton, member of the Republican national committee from Rhode Island and party leader in this State.

The resolution provides that each State, Territory and the District of Columbia be entitled to four delegates-at-large and one for each 10,000 voters or majority fraction thereof, casting their ballots for the Republican electors in the preceding Presidential election.

TORPEDO BOATS IN BAD SITUATION.

The Moccasin and the Adder Reported in Distress on the Coast of Virginia.

HEAVY GALE AND HIGH SEA.

On Their Way to Annapolis and Drifted Southward—The Moccasin Reported Stranded at Currituck — The Adder Was Rescued.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CAPE HENRY, VA., Dec. 3.—The submarine torpedo boats Moccasin and Adder were reported in distress off Little Island life station to-day. The tug Peoria succeeded in getting a line aboard the Moccasin, but lost it later. Both tow and tug drifted southward rapidly. The gunboat Yankton passed out Cape Henry at 3 P. M. to their assistance.

The government tug Peoria succeeded in getting a line to one of the torpedo boats and headed toward Norfolk at 4:30 P. M. The Yankton arrived upon the scene at about the same time, and after making several unsuccessful attempts to pick up the other boat, followed in the same direction, leaving the torpedo boat drifting slowly southward. The wind is from the northwest and is blowing at the rate of 36 miles an hour. There is a heavy sea on. It is not known here which of the torpedo boats was towed into Hampton Roads.

The submarine boat previously reported as drifting southward stranded four miles south of Currituck Life Saving station at 8 P. M. The lifesavers are standing by, ready to lend assistance. The wind continues high and the sea is heavy.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 3.—The submarine torpedo boat Moccasin, reported in distress off Little Island Life Saving station, Cape Henry, was on her way from the torpedo station here to Annapolis in company with the submarine torpedo boat Adder. Both were in tow of the tug Peoria. They were to be used by the naval cadets in training for submarine warfare. Lieutenant Pinney, U. S. N., and gunner James Donald, U. S. N., were in charge of the submarine boats and each had a crew of six men. On the voyage from Newport to Annapolis, however, the complement of each torpedo boat was on board the Peoria and the vessels in tow were not manned.

The Peoria succeeded in connecting with one of the submarines, presumably the Adder, and began a battle against wind and tide for Hampton Roads. One submarine was left to its fate, and shortly afterwards was thrown upon a shoal, where she is now pounding. It is reported the letter M can be discerned upon her bow. If this is the case the Moccasin is ashore.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 3.—One submarine torpedo boat pounding upon the shoals of Currituck and another battling with a 34-mile storm in tow of the naval tug Peoria, while the converted cruiser Yankton is steaming up the coast empty-handed after having been dispatched to the rescue of the two boats, is the last information received from Currituck station to-night regarding the fate of the Peoria, the Moccasin and the Adder.

At 10 o'clock word came over the coast wires that one of the submarines had come ashore and that the lifesavers were preparing to board her, though no signs of life were seen.

The Peoria left Newport, R. I., November 30th, towing the Adder and Moccasin for Annapolis, Md. Last night the little flotilla was struck by a furious northwest gale and blown far from their course and the mouth of the Chesapeake. They were sighted early this forenoon by the Little Island life savers and at that time the tug had become separated from her tows, but was making heroic struggles in a mountainous sea to pick them up again.

The wind was blowing 34 miles an hour and the small boats were tossed about like corks.

So soon as possible word was sent to this naval station and the Yankton went to the aid of the flotilla.

When she arrived on the scene it was nearly dark, but a determined effort was made to get a line fast to the submarine. Every attempt was in vain and finally the Yankton steamed up the coast towards the capes.

TRINITY COLLEGE.

Action of Trustees Discussed by the N. C. Press Association.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 3.—The North Carolina Press Association, in session here, to-day had a lively discussion of the action of the trustees of Trinity University at Durham, N. C., in refusing to accept the resignation of Professor Bassett. Z. W. Whitehead, of Raleigh, denounced Professor Bassett and the University trustees, and offered a resolution to create a committee to draft a resolution condemning the action of the trustees. H. A. London, of Pittsboro, offered a substitute resolution, which was adopted, appointing a committee of five members to investigate and report whether any action on the subject should be taken by the association.

At the afternoon session the committee reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

"WHEREAS, The papers of to-day inform us that a brother member of this association has been hanged in effigy by students of Trinity College, one of the leading educational institutions of our State, for the apparent reason that he exercised the right of of freedom speech in his paper.

"*Resolved*, That this association regret the said action as an attempt to abridge the freedom of the press, and condemn it in the strongest language as contrary to the true spirit of the people."

Three members fought to the last to have a strong resolution adopted condemning the statement of Professor Bassett and deprecating the action of the trustees, but the proposed resolution secured but three votes in the affirmative.

NEGRO MURDERED.

His Dead Body Found Near Greenville, S. C.—Three Men Arrested

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, S. C., December 3.—The dead body of Anson Arnold, colored, of this section, was found to-day in a swamp near Farmer's oil mill, four miles from Greenville. John Carter, Perry Butler and Jess Harrison are now in jail, charged with the murder. Arnold left home Tuesday and came to Greenville, where it is said he secured two hundred dollars from a bank, since which time he had not been seen until his son found Arnold's body. It is generally supposed that Arnold was murdered for his money. Coroner Black is to hold an inquest.

THE NAPTHA CAR EXPLOSION.

Seventy Dwelling Houses Damaged—Two Freight Trains Destroyed — The Dead and Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

DOVER, DEL., Dec. 3.—As a result of yesterday's explosion of a car of naptha and the subsequent fire in the town of Greenwood, seventy dwelling houses show damages to the extent of $70,450. Two freight trains and their contents on the Pennsylvania railroad were totally destroyed, entailing an estimated damage of $130,000.

Three tramps who were riding in a box car near where the explosion occurred and where the fire was the fiercest are believed to have been incinerated. Nothing has been found of them except some unrecognizable bones and a charred United States army belt buckle.

Two of the greatest sufferers are William H. Morris and Alexander Jones. Mr. Morris lost his home and everything in it, and his wife is lying in the improvised hospital at Greenwood Hotel in a dying condition. Mrs. Jones lost the sight of both eyes and Miss Jones, her daughter, is disfigured for life. Four other injured women are being treated at the hotel hospital. The cases of Morris and Jones are similar to those of fifty others, though more severe.

Coroner Lank, of Sussex county, has adjourned the inquest to early next week.

U. S. PRISONERS.

Plan to Escape From the Prison Ship at Portsmouth Frustrated.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 3.—A well matured plan for the wholesale escape of prisoners from the United States prison ship Southery at the navy yard has been frustrated by the discovery of a letter containing the details of the plot. The letter was found on one of the prisoners by Captain Charles Hill, U. S. M. C. The officials of the navy yard state that as a consequence the guard on the Southery has been doubled and another officer placed in command of the ship.

The plan of escape was to sound the fire alarm, and when the guard had been reduced by those who responded, the prisoners were to rally in a body, overpower the remainder of the guard and escape by boats to the Kittery shore.

TO RECOVER $150,000.

Suit Against Former President of Southern Car and Foundry Co.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Dec. 3.—A suit has been filed in the Anniston branch of the Federal court by the trustees in bankruptcy of the Southern Car and Foundry Company against J. M. Elliott, Jr., to recover $150,000. Elliott was for many years president of the company and the suit is brought to recover money alleged to be due the company. The specific allegations of the bill set forth that on January 17th, 1901, Mr. Elliott, while president of the company was indebted to the Chase National Bank of New York in the sum mentioned, and allowed the company to discharge the indebtedness for him and that he has refused to repay the amount due or the interest thereon.

NEWS OF THE NAVY.

Admiral Evans Directed to Return With His Ships to Yokohama.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Secretary Moody has received a cable message from Rear Admiral Evans, commanding the Asiatic station, saying that the New Orleans, Albany, Cincinnati, Raleigh and Pompey sailed from Yokohama to-day for Honolulu and that the battleship squadron will follow in a day or two.

In a cablegram to Admiral Evans to-day he was directed to return with his fleets to Yokohama as soon as Honolulu has been visited. This order is construed as an indication that the Navy Department has no purpose of using the vessels of the Asiatic fleet in enforcing its policy for the construction of the Panama canal.

WARM WIRELETS.

The Earl of Stair died at Lochinch, Scotland. He was born in 1819.

Speaker Cannon will announce the committees of the House at the Saturday session.

Bishop Abiel Leonard, head of the Episcopal Church in Utah and Nevada, died yesterday of typhoid fever.

Rev. Josiah B. Perry, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, Washington city, has accepted a call to Trinity Episcopal church at Natchez, Miss.

Three men were killed, two seriously and two slightly injured in a collision between a hand-car and a freight train yesterday at Sargents, O., on the Norfolk & Western road.

John Zagle was shot and killed yesterday by Chester Peoples in an alleged gambling place at Wytheville, Va. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of murder. Peoples was arrested.

At the close of yesterday's ministerial council the Marquis Villaverde, the Spanish premier, proceeded to the palace at Madrid and tendered the resignation of the cabinet to King Alfonso.

Geo. J. Gould and his two sons, Kingdon and Jay, Jr., and Pierre Lorillard, the millionaire tobacco manufacturer, are at Mr. Gould's hunting lodge near Charlotte on a hunting expedition.

It was officially admitted at the British admiralty last night that Great Britain has purchased the two battleships, Libertad and Constitution, built on the Clyde for Chili, the price being $9,375,000, inclusive of all expenses.

Joe Grimm, of Philadelphia, the man whom Bob Fitzsimmons failed to knock out in six rounds, was defeated in Chicago last night by Hugh Kelly, a Chicago middle-weight. Grimm was badly out-classed and was knocked down at least a dozen times.

The funeral of the Rev. John Summerfield Lindsay, D. D., LL.D., who for fifteen years was rector of St. Paul's Episcopal parish in Boston, was held yesterday, attended by several bishops and hundreds of priests and prominent laymen. Bishop Lawrence officiated.

The London *Sun* says that the former Countess Mabel Russell is instituting divorce proceedings against her husband, William Brown, a former coachman, who married her in December, 1902, under the title of Prince Aphrobald Stuart de Modena, alleging that he was a Bavarian nobleman.

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Wonderful Minute Shells.

There is a sand bank at Connemara, on the west coast of Ireland, that is the Mecca of every curiosity seeker who is fortunate enough to know of its existence. As a general thing sand banks are not a great attraction, but in this particular case the attractive power is not in the sand itself, but in the millions of extinct miniature shells which are almost as numerous as the grains of sand with which they are intermingled. The largest of these little wonders is smaller than the smallest pinhead and some of them so minute that they can easily be put through the eye of a common sewing needle, yet each is as perfect as the pearly nautilus, the spider shell, the sea urchin or any other marine oddity.

They are of all shapes and forms imaginable. One will have the perfect outlines of a miniature basket, another will look like a fairy's tobacco box, while a third needs no effort of the imagination to give it the form of a bottle. The flash shells of Ceylon and Australia are the only living representatives of these conchological wonders. Naturalists who have examined the Ceylonese flash shells say that each is filled with a tiny bit of jellylike substance, which of course is the animal itself, but which is so infinitesimal that no distinction can be observed between head and heart, mouth and stomach.

Equine Etiquette.

A wealthy New Yorker had engaged a splendid cottage at Newport and also a new driver for his horses. The driver was advised to be very polite if he intended to keep his place. Not long after the agreement had been made the master visited the stable one morning and found the new driver at the door.

"Good morning, John."

"Good morning, sir."

"How are the horses this morning?"

"They are quite well, sir, thank you—and how are you?"—Lippincott's.

An Economical Man.

"I don't know," confessed the puzzled wife, "whether to have the house repapered to match my old dresses or to buy new dresses to match the paper we now have."

"I fancy," suggested the husband, who was a quick thinker and a lightning calculator, "that we would better repaper the house."—Judge.

Sudden Lapse of Memory.

"I saw the whole thing," said the passenger with the nose glasses. "I was standing on the front platform when the car hit the wagon. It was all the fault of the blamed driver. He started to cross the track when the car wasn't ten feet away. The motorman shut off the power and put on the brakes, but he couldn't stop in time. Some of these fool drivers are always doing that sort of thing. It would serve 'em right if—"

Here a policeman with a notebook came along.

"Did you see how this happened?" he asked.

"Me?" said the man with the nose glasses. "Gosh, no! I don't know a thing about it."—Chicago Tribune.

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